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STUDENTS' UNION MEETING
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Covered Rink To Be Rushed This Fall

Preliminaries out of Way, Money Secured, Building Will Soon be Commenced

Students Having Raised Over \$5,000, Provincial Government
Grants \$20,000 Loan, and Work Will be Rushed This Fall
Gratifying Response to Canvass

Weather permitting, the Covered Rink will be built in time for the opening game of the Amateur Hockey League, about December 15th. The architects are now finishing the plans and tenders will be called for within a week.

For over ten years the students of the University of Alberta have advocated the building of a covered rink, and in fact, plans were drawn for the proposed rink six years ago. However, the first real step in the project was taken last year when the Students' Union passed an amendment to the Students' Union constitution enacting that each student enrolling at the university pay an additional fee of three dollars each year towards the covered rink fund. These payments were contingent on the fact that a loan should be secured from the Alberta Government, sufficient to build the rink, and the loan obtained in time for the rink to be built in 1926. If the loan were to be obtained the three dollar fee was to be used to repay it to the Alberta Government in yearly instalments.

\$2,500 Raised By Fee

The three dollar fee levied on the students this term amounted to twenty-five hundred dollars, and with one thousand dollars collected from student organizations last year, total cash on hand this fall was thirty-five hundred dollars.

This amount of cash was not sufficient to meet certain requirements specified by the government before a loan would be granted, and an additional \$1,800 was raised by public subscription, making a total of \$5,300 in cash on hand.

Government Loans \$20,000

When the representative of the Board of Governors advised the Alberta Government that the students had \$5,300 in cash, they readily consented to loan twenty thousand dollars towards building a rink.

On receiving notification of this loan, the Covered Rink Committee commenced making final preparations regarding the plans, and it is expected that tenders will be called for within a week.

The rink is to be situated on 112th Street, between 84th and 83rd Ave. It will be a wooden structure with a seating capacity of 2,000 and a playing surface of regulation size, 180

feet by 80 feet. Suitable accommodation such as dressing rooms and check rooms will be provided for the skaters, and the rink will be so constructed that further seating capacity can easily be built in later.

Great Boost to Amateur Hockey
The Edmonton Amateur Hockey League are very enthusiastic over the prospect of a suitable playing surface

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STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT ISSUE

Watch the next issue of The Gateway for the announcement of all rules and regulations governing The Gateway's research competition.

The competition will be open to all members of the Students' Union, all entries to be placed in the hands of the competition manager by November 4th. So don't fail to see the next issue of The Gateway.

Two big cash prizes will be offered. For one of these prizes we are indebted to the Alberta Government, who, upon our request, readily promised to co-operate.

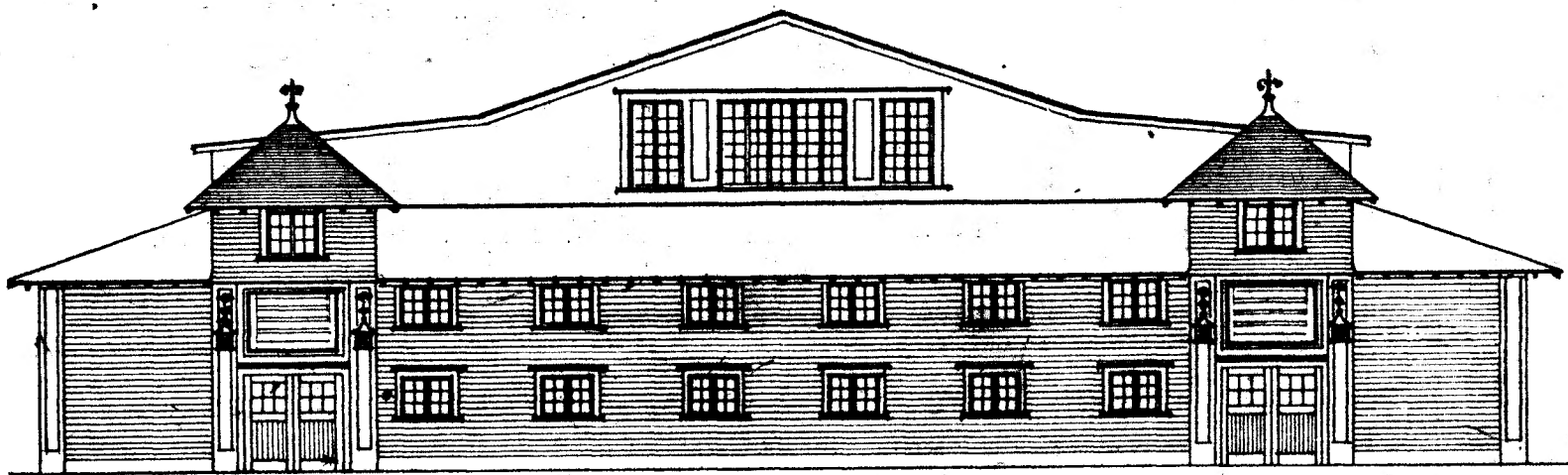
Signed JACK MARSHALL,
Competition Manager.

INTER-VARSITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT

To be held Friday and Saturday afternoon at the Glenora Courts. Finals Saturday afternoon.

INTER-VARSITY TENNIS

Friday and Saturday the racket-wielders from B.C. and Saskatchewan will battle with our representatives in the first three-cornered inter- varsity tennis tourney held in the west. It's as close as that!



The Covered Rink according to architects' plans of last winter. It is expected that original specifications will be followed in the main.

Last Night's Game Gives Interfaculty Rugby Start

Pharmadents Win Opener from Com-Law by Score of 7-1—Com-Law Too Light to Check Onslaught of Husky Medicine Men

The Pharmadents interfaculty rugby team took the league opener from Com-Law Wednesday afternoon at the Varsity grid to the tune of 7-1. A large crowd of enthusiastic fans saw the league get away to a good start, and judging from the brand of rugby played Wednesday some high-class games are due before the league winds up.

The winners were the more aggressive team, and used their weight to advantage by bucking the line hard, and on several occasions making big gains on cross-bucks. Waterbury and Nevezis, Pharmadents speedy halves, broke away more than once for huge gains.

The Game

The losers put up a plucky fight and started out well by chalking up the first point on a kick to the dead-line—but were unable to hold their advantage for long. Com-Law were saved from a harsher trouncing by Culver's splendid kicking and Henderson and MacDonald's aggressiveness.

Cross called the signals for Com-Law and Halliday for the winners. Both mixed their plays up well.

First Quarter

Com-Law took the kick-off, Culver booting the ball well into rival's back-field. Waterbury made good catch and carried the pigskin well up into the field, eluding his tacklers in pretty fashion. Haubauer made yards on Pharmadents second down, but lost them again when Waterbury made a faulty kick to the side-line. Com-Law took the ball, and on their third down Culver kicked to the dead-line and tallied the first point of the game. Nevezis, a husky Med, broke away from centre field and breezed down the field across legalite's line only to have play called back because of running interference. The first quarter ended with play in centre-field.

Second Quarter

Com-Law take the ball, but make nothing in their first two downs; but kick on the third. Waterbury made a neat catch and jig-jagged up the field for an appreciable gain, only to be pulled down and have his ankle twisted. The play for the remainder of this quarter fluctuated back and forth in centre-field with the Pharmadents pushing their opponents hard.

Third Quarter

The second half opened with the medical men pressing hard, and Waterbury succeeded in tying the score by kicking to the dead-line. When play was resumed Haubauer made yards on a neat run. Play was stopped for a few moments when Waterbury and Fuog tangled and exchanged a few hefty punches—both men being shooed to the cooler for five minutes. The fast pace set at the beginning of the game was maintained, both teams using their relief men to advantage.

Fourth Quarter

The medicine men broke the tie early in this stanza, and soon after cinched the game by crossing the Com-Law line for a try, but failed to connect. The budget experts pressed hard to overcome their rival's lead, and gained ground rapidly, being within a few yards of opponent's line when game ended. Final score 7-1.

Laurie Piper, referee, Tommy Mellings judge of play.

THE UNIVERSITY NOW BROADCASTS WEEKLY PROGRAM

Department of Education Puts
Our Institution on the Air
Every Monday Evening

The Department of Extension of the University of Alberta has added a radio studio to its ways of bringing Varsity life, thought and letters to the people in the remotest parts of the province. On Monday evening this studio situated in the top floor of the extension building was formally inaugurated by Hon. Perrin Baker, Minister of Education for the province.

For the past two years this department has broadcasted each week a lecture through the courtesy of CICA, the Edmonton Journal. But now, under the direction of H. P.

Brown, of the department of visual instruction, a full radio program, including several addresses and an extensive program will be sent out over the air by remote control of CICA each Monday evening by the university.

There will be a lecture of general interest, another of historical or literary interest and one of special concern to farmers. Another feature will be the weekly news bulletin given by The Gateway. This will include items of interest to the province at large.

Hon. Perrin Baker gave a brief outline of the many uses which the people of Alberta might make of the Department of Extension. "It is proper," he said, "that our university should make the fullest use of the opportunities offered in the newest creation of modern science. Science is today entering a new field of service."

Rector of St. Joseph's College Speaks

Following this short address, Rev. Brother Rogation, the newly-appointed rector of St. Joseph's College, the latest addition to the university buildings, gave an informative and eloquent lecture on the significance of Columbus' Day, which was Tuesday, October 12. This commemorates the memory of an immortal discoverer.

The Gateway Does Its Bit

Max Wershof, news editor of The Gateway, gave the brief resume of the last issue of The Gateway. Prof. A. E. Ottewill, director of the Department of Extension, delivered an historical outline of the work and development of that part of the university of which he was in charge. It had its beginning in 1912 with a small travelling library. Later lectures were provided. Today there are over 19,000 volumes in use, 1,200 movie picture films and 400 sets of lantern slides. Correspondence courses as well as courses in general reading are arranged for anyone who cares to ask for it.

An excellent musical program was arranged through the kindness of the following artists: Mrs. Robert Newton, Dr. H. M. Vango, Mrs. J. E. Bowstead, L. N. Nichols, and Miss Margaret Gold. During the winter special radio programs will be offered from the university, such as recitals from the Memorial Organ in Convocation Hall, from the Glee Club, Choral Society, and C. O. T. C. band. Mr. Brown acted as announcer for the program.

FRENCH CLUB

The first meeting of the French Club will be held on Wednesday, October 20, in Room A-212, at 4:30. The speaker for the afternoon is Mr. L. A. Rioux, his subject being "Bilingual Schools."

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Rev. Canon Pierce-Goulding of All Saints Pro-Cathedral, will give the address at the service in Convocation Hall, Sunday, October 17, at 11 a.m. Miss Margaret Gold will sing.

Initiation to be Attacked at Special Union Meeting on Monday, October 18

Resolution Condemning Initiation as at Present Practiced and Calling for Election of Special Committee, to be Introduced

The Secretary of the Union announces elsewhere in this issue the calling of a special meeting of the Students' Union—October 18 at 4:30 the time, initiation the business.

The constitution of the Students' Union, Sec. VIII, subsec. 12, provides for the calling of special meetings of the Union by the secretary on the order of the President. The constitution further stipulates, Sec. VIII, subsec. 9, that at a special

meeting of the Students' Union only the business as stated in the notice to be posted on the bulletin board at least three days previous to the meeting is to be discussed.

The business on the agenda for this meeting is announced—Initiation. Initiation is at present receiving, judging from the interest shown everywhere, a most thorough discussion in university circles. Members of the Union will meet Monday well qualified to deal with the resolution to be submitted. It is to read thus: "Resolved—That initiation as at present practiced at the University of Alberta be abolished."

"That a committee of twelve students be appointed forthwith to bring to this Union a complete recommendation covering future practices in the admission of freshmen to campus and academic activities."

Everything points to a record attendance at Monday's meeting. Convocation Hall will ring with bursts of oratory such as are not often heard. The students are aroused sufficiently to summon a special meeting, something that is seldom done in the University of Alberta. A question that would test the skill of the famous Richards might be asked him: Will the University of Alberta abolish initiation this year?

NOTICE TO SOPHOMORES

1. Soph Class Nomination Meeting, Monday, October 18th, at 4:30, in 142 Med.
2. Soph Class Election Meeting, Wednesday, October 20th, at 4:30, in 142 Med.

PERCY DAVIES NEW ACCOUNTANT STUDENTS' UNION

Other Appointments Made at
Students' Council Meeting
on Monday

Mr. Percy G. Davies is to render further valuable service to the students of the U. of A. This time it is as Accountant of the Students' Union.

The appointment of Mr. Davies as successor to Mr. C. R. Adams, came at last Monday's Council meeting. If Mr. Davies' past work as President of the Union, and as Director of this year's successful Handbook, can be taken as a criterion, it is certainly to be expected that the position of accountant will be handled in a most capable manner during the coming term.

The Council, at the meeting of Oct. 11th, was forced to make new appointments for two positions that had been filled at the previous meeting. Both the Schedule Man and the Sheriff found it impossible to act, on account of the pressure of other duties. As the lack of a Schedule Man is already causing some conflict of student meetings, the President of the Union was empowered to appoint a man to this office as soon as one willing to act could be found.

The machinery of the Students' Court has been delayed, too, because there was no Sheriff to serve the necessary papers for a case now waiting. The repetition of such a delay will from henceforth be avoided. Mr. J. R. Osborne has been appointed as Sheriff.

The Social Directorate for the present year will be selected by the Vice-President of the Union in the near future.

The common rooms came in for considerable discussion. It was agreed that non-resident students should be in charge of the committee for maintaining the proper condition of these rooms. Steps will be taken soon towards providing a common room for women in the Medical Building. This has been needed for some time.

It was recommended that ticket sales be held in the Wauneita room or the common rooms in future. This point will be decided, however, at the meeting of October 25th.

There are approximately eight hundred full-time students attending the U. of A. This means that \$4,000 will be available for budget allotment this year, as the deductions from the fee total of \$8,000 are as follows:
For the Covered Rink, \$2,400.
For The Gateway, \$1,600.

As the discussion of the budget will occupy the next meeting of the Council on Monday, Oct. 18th, all club secretaries are expected to see the Students' Union Accountant as soon as possible in this connection.

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SCIENCE CLUB HAS FIRST MEET

Engineers Gather to Talk Business and Hear Dr. Boyle

The first meeting of the Engineering Students Society was held on Wednesday afternoon in 111 Arts Building. This meeting took the form of a tea and social hour after which a business meeting was held. It was announced that Mr. D. A. Hansen, the president of the society, who has just undergone a serious operation in the University Hospital, is out of all danger and is rapidly improving. Items of business that were dealt with were the election of a first-year representative for the executive; the re-election of the executive; the re-election of a second year representative to succeed Stan MacMillan, who is taking the year out. Plans for the annual engineers banquet are going ahead. It is expected that it will be held in the Macdonald Hotel on November 5th, 1926. Any science students who were not at the meeting on Wednesday are asked to make a note of this date and keep the evening open. This banquet has always been a success in the past, and every student is requested to be present. The new students in the faculty are especially invited.

Dean Boyle's Talk

Following the disposal of the business brought before the meeting, a very much appreciated talk was given by our Dean, Dr. R. W. Boyle. The Dean said that he hoped that the University of Alberta has seen its last initiation. The speaker said that McGill University has abolished it, followed by Toronto and by the U. of B.C., and he thinks that it is time we followed the example set by these other universities, although we are now only a poor fourth, whereas we might have been the first. The definition of engineering as given by the directors' report of an engineers' educational conference in the States which Dr. Boyle attended, is as follows: "The art of organizing and directing men and of controlling the forces of nature for benefit of man."



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ASSISTANCE APPRECIATED

The covered rink is now on ice, and it will very soon be a reality, not merely a hope that every student in the university has fostered. The Gateway considers it fitting, therefore, that this opportunity should be taken to thank those who are responsible for the successful completion of the Covered Rink project.

It may be remembered that last year the Students' Union appointed a covered rink committee, with Mr. West the sec-treas., Prof. Burgess the architect, Morrison and Webb the engineers, and Dr. W. G. Hardy as its chairman. This committee has functioned faithfully and successfully, and deserves a large share of the credit, especially Dr. Hardy, without whose energy and unselfish service the hopes of the students would never have been realized.

We have also the Board of Governors of the university to thank, and particularly their chairman, Chief Justice Harvey, who interceded with the government on our behalf.

The public-spirited citizens of Alberta, the friends of the students, who so willingly donated towards the rink, can feel certain that we will never forget their generous assistance. And just here, we would say that we are taking the liberty of publishing a list of these subscriptions in the columns of this paper.

After these arrangements, the final and most important step in the proposition was the securing of a loan from the Provincial Government. In this matter the students realize and appreciate the consideration given their proposition by the Cabinet, and particularly the interest shown by Premier Brownlee in our enterprise.

Never have the student organizations worked together more harmoniously than they have on this enterprise. It is hoped, therefore, that this interest will continue in our rink, and that whole-hearted support will be given to our hockey teams, so that, before many years, an Allan cup team from the University of Alberta will justify the faith shown by our friends in the covered rink.

INITIATION

"It humiliates the man, it amuses the boy"—thus spoke Zarathustra. Zarathustra in this instance is a well-known member of our student body, and the happy phrase sums up the effect of initiation—of the sort to which the university has been subjected in years gone by—upon those who participate from choice or from coercion.

But men will come here to be degraded not much longer. Boys will be allowed to bait and to exhibit their infantile exuberance upon the new student for but a short time more. Green and gold will be dragged at the heels of perspiring freshmen very few times again. Organized hazing and bullying upon the part of the second-year man will not be allowed to continue. The freshman and sophomore, in the name of fun and tradition, will continue to place the University of Alberta in a false light as far as the observant public is concerned but seldom again.

The thing will not be tolerated much longer. Will it change this year? A special meeting of the Students' Union has been called for the near future, when the following resolution will be submitted:

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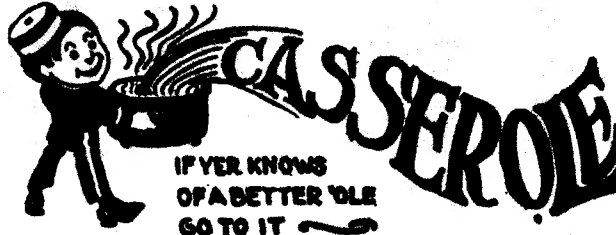
In deciding to support or oppose this resolution take into consideration the effect of initiation foolishness upon the public. One may partially justify the practices as they relate to the students—there is a certain amount of fun connected with our present initiation that some enjoy.

But who will contend that the effect upon the citizens of this city and province is a desirable one? The University of Alberta is annually shamed to a greater or less extent depending upon the particular atrocities of that particular year. Let us relegate initiation, with its paint, ribbons and bullying, to the realm of ancient history.

AMERICAN REFORMERS

The board of temperance, prohibition and public morals of the Methodist Episcopal church declared in a statement published at Washington on October 7 that government control in Canada has meant: An increased consumption of liquor, increased vice and crime and increased drinking by young men and women.

We do not propose to hold a brief for government control, but we do invite our American friends to visit the Province of Alberta and judge the truth of their statement for themselves. We



IF YOU KNOW OF A BETTER ONE GO TO IT

This year Casserole has been fortunate in obtaining the services of Dithery Dox, the wisest co-ed in the world. If you are in doubt about your love-affairs write to Dithery; she will make all clear—and public.

The following is a letter received from one puzzled student with Dithery Dox's answer:

Dear Dithery,—I am a fourth year Aggie and intend to file on a homestead in the Peace River country as soon as I graduate. I am in love with a fascinating co-ed who will also graduate this year in Household Ec. She is used to having a good time, having been on all the Arts hikes and sleigh rides during the seven years she has been at Varsity.

Do you think I would be wronging her to let her share my log-house on the farm.—Yours in perplexity.—Barney Hogg.

Answer: Since hiking and sleigh-riding are your friend's favorite amusements, she may prove quite adaptable to farm life. She also probably has a ukelele which would prove useful for cheering up the cattle on a wet day. In any case, it's time somebody took pity on the poor girl. My advice is, sure, go ahead!—Dithery Dox.

We have it upon very good authority that the next school-boy thriller is to be entitled: "Barker at Harvard."

Which reminds us that the last thing Stan did before he left town was to sell a garage to a man who had bought a chance on the auto given away at the Gyro Carnival.

Jack Gerrie comes back with the remark that the difference between a permanent wave and a crime wave is that a crime wave is permanent.

We snuck up behind the potted geranium who was looking up at the moon on the High Level. At first we thought he was humming the Doxology, but later he seemed to be singing something like this:

Go to the prune, you teetotaler,
 Consider its ways and be sage.
 For as the prune loses its dryness
 It loses its wrinkles of age.

"Does he know any women? Why the twentieth name on his telephone list is Alice Adams."

Forty-three professors have been seen entering the Tuck Shop during the past three days. But if anyone thinks we're going to make a wise-crack about "being fed up with college life" they're darn well fooled.

Irate Pap: "What was that noise just as you came in last night?"

Her: "Why, night falling."

I.P.: "Oh; I thought it was day breaking."

I did have a good one for this space, but you know how it is.

"The pen is mightier than the sword."

The saying is quite true—

But editors have found (I've found)

The scissors handy too.

If any girl wishes to send in a dollar to this department we will gladly send her complete instructions regarding "How to keep your youth." Just in case no one writes, we'll mention now that the answer is simply this: "Never introduce him to another girl."

The Physics Department contributes this Einsteinish rime:

An Alberta co-ed named Bright
 Could travel much faster than light.
 She started one day
 In a relative way,
 And came back the previous night.

And one of the English 1 instructors tells of the answer received to a question on the explanation of the line of poetry, "And forth he rode on his bootless quest." An exceptionally bright Freshie burst out with, "Doesn't it mean that he wasn't getting any kick out of it?"

While we think of it, Freshies, let old Cas remind you that the lilies of the field toil not—and are ultimately plucked.

Geoffrey Falstaff, surveying the starry sky above Pembina, and bursting into poetry:
 "See where yon beauteous Venus peeps out from behind that silver curtain cloud."

Emily, breaking away: "Venus? Why, it's only a freshette. I'll teach her not to peep."

Limerique

(With apologies to French A students)
 Il y avait un homme nommé Sonet
 Et tout le monde était étonné
 Qu'il n'avait pas peur,
 De casser les coeurs,
 Des freshettes à qui il a grogné.

Who is the young prof. who thinks that the Latin grace begins with "Hic, haec, hoc . . ."

Now you can read the front page.

would like to point out that statements like this do not help any cause, however worthy it may be.

To the people of Alberta this statement of our American friends is rather amusing, and we think that it might serve a better moral purpose if they would reflect on conditions in their own country. Not for an instant do we insinuate that crime, vice and drinking is more rampant in the United States, but we do insist that a careful survey of conditions in the Province of Alberta or the Dominion of Canada will not show our province or Dominion in an unfavorable light when compared to our neighbor to the south.

NOTES

Registration is less in McGill. Eight hundred and seventy students are registered in Arts. It is expected that the raising of the standard of admission will cause a considerably smaller registration this year. Commerce registration is 175; Applied Science, 329; Law has 51 students; Medicine has 460; Dentistry has 51.—McGill Daily.

President Issues Warning to Students

The attention of all students is hereby drawn to the following regulations recently adopted by the University:

No initiation ceremony involving physical violence, personal indignity, interference with personal liberty or destruction of property, may be held by the students of any Faculty or College of the university under the penalty of suspension or expulsion.

Any ceremony connected with the reception of the First Year desired by any Faculty or College must be prepared and carried out by a Committee of the Senior Year of the Faculty or College concerned, with the approval of a joint committee of the Caput and the Students' Administrative Council. The holding of such ceremonies except with this approval shall constitute a breach of discipline.

R. A. FALCONER, President.

September 20th, 1926. —Toronto Varsity.

Toronto University has an increase in registration. The largest increase over last year is in the Faculty of Arts, where 2,369 are registered as compared with 2,226 of last year.—Toronto Varsity.

Last Saturday to watch two senior rugby games a crowd of about 1,000 people turned out. To watch Toronto Varsity play, a crowd of 26,000 is an average turn-out.—Manitoban.

In the recent Dominion elections fifty-one graduates of Toronto University contested seats. Twenty-one graduates were elected, representing Conservative, Liberal, Progressive and Labor interests.—Toronto Varsity.

The University of Toronto entertained a most distinguished visitor from the Old World in the person of Professor Leon Noel, Ph.D., D.D., of University of Louvain, Belgium.—Toronto Varsity.

Class organizations are started early at Queen's. Classes '27 and '29 organized on Oct. 8. Commerce Club, Med '30 Arts also are away to a good start.—Queen's Journal.

There is a bigger football squad working out this year than ever before. Eighty uniforms have been issued.—Queen's Journal.

Three hundred and thirty-five Freshmen are registered at Queen's University.—Queen's Journal.

MURRAY STURROCK AT MCGILL

Friends of Mr. Murray Sturrock, B.Sc. '26 (Alberta), will be pleased to hear of his appointment as Instructor in Chemistry at McGill University. Mr. Sturrock is also taking courses leading to the degree of M.Sc. while at McGill.

LITERARY SUPPLEMENTS

It is the intention of the Manitoban to continue this year the policy established last year in regard to the Literary Supplements. These extra editions will be published in connection with the regular issues once a month, and student contributions are specially solicited.—Manitoban.

Manitoba is the second largest university in Canada, yet two other colleges issue daily papers and two of them bi-weeklies. Toronto and McGill issue dailies, British Columbia and Queen's bi-weeklies.—Manitoban.

COURSE OFFERED IN MATRIMONY

Students at the College for Women at Boston University must pass an examination in "matrimony," for a "Chair of Love and Marriage" has been established.

To sit in the recently established chair an official bride-trainer has been secured, and the first lectures have already been held. Many co-eds who attended the first classes were surprised and shocked to find the following rules laid down for their guidance:

"Never marry a man just because you love him."

"Love in a cottage is fallacy. Money talks."

"Romance and roses fade. But rent and bills are always with us."

VARSITY GRADUATE LEAVES FOR AFRICA

A double ceremony of great interest to Varsity took place last Friday evening in Knox United Church, Edmonton. Mr. Kenneth H. Prior, B.S.A. '26 (Alberta), was ordained into the ministry and designated for service as an industrial missionary to the field of Donde, Angola, West

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WILL WE ABOLISH INITIATION THIS YEAR?

FRESHIES THOROUGHLY INITIATED FRIDAY

Paddled, Electrocutted, Tossed in Blanket, Fly Paper Chests, Calomined—Parade Before Pembina—Freshies Win Flag-Rush

"Three o'clock in the morning," sang a pair of undaunted Freshmen on Friday morning, October 8, in the lower gymnasium of Athabasca Hall.

From that unearthly hour until long after the cock crew some hundred and fifty Freshmen, bound and blindfolded, patiently awaited the signal for initiation to commence.

The Long-Awaited Moment
At last the long awaited moment came. With a sigh of relief the Freshies stretched themselves as their captors released their hands and feet. The writer was one of those who took part in the delightful program which followed.

A Sophomore official went up to the first blindfolded youth, took him by the arm, and led him to the upper gym, cautioning him to look where he was going. Here he was passed over to another official who curtly asked if he were in any way physically deficient. Anticipating the answer, before it was delivered, the Sophomore led him into the gym.

"Here you, climb that ladder!" pushing Freshie alongside a rickety structure.

Up, up the gallant lad strove. At last, with the aid of a paddle skillfully wielded by a Soph, the Freshman reached the top.

"Come with me, and mind where you're going."

Roughly the distracted victim was seized by two pair of powerful arms. Swinging backward and forward he heard the death chant of his husky captors, who were monotonously droning:

"One—Two—Three."

Tossed in Blanket
He was gently (?) released, felt himself hurtling through space, until with a thud he landed, but to his terror was tossed up to the call

of "heave!" Again he fell into the blanket, and for the second time tossed on high. The third was the last time, and Freshie disentangled himself from the blanket, all the pretended unconcern and reckless bravado knocked out of him.

Nervously now he followed his guide to a nearby table, upon which he was hoisted.

Paddled

"Get into that barrel and make sure your head is inside."

Quickly he obeyed. Then the barrel was tipped on its side, and Freshman No. 263 was rolled down an incline at what seemed a mad rate. He was unceremoniously hauled out, and then given over to the care of another official, who backed him under something, where he was swatted and cracked from both sides.

The Electric Chair

"Now, sit down on that chair."

"What the—?"

"Sit down, I tell you!" commanded the stern and unsympathetic Sophomore, as the electricity prompted Freshie to rise into the air. This time a double charge seemed to be used, for the effect produced was nothing short of marvellous. Freshie's spring landed him half-way up a ladder conveniently placed in front.

A few gentle persuasive taps from the flat weapon used for that purpose prompted Freshie to make the rest of the grade in no less time than his first convulsive springs.

More Paddling

Arriving on top of a table, he was made to grasp a nearby rope. Swinging outwards and back would have been a bit of a treat, not an ordeal, except for the flat sticks that seemed to swing from every direction. Then, somewhat unceremoniously lowered, the blindfolded Freshman was led over to the operating table. After being deposited on the table, he was first commanded to open his mouth.

"Ugh," came from Freshie as he started to spit out the slippery thing, but finding it only a grape he quickly swallowed it.

A Fly-Paper Mustard

"I think he needs a mustard plaster, chief." This from one of the assistants. Whereupon Freshie's manly chest was smeared with transmission grease and a sticky fly-paper deposited thereon. After he was almost overcome by evil smells and

There will be a special meeting of the Students' Union held in Convocation Hall on Monday Oct. 18, at 4:30.

**Agenda: Initiation.
D. CURRIE,
Sec., Students' Union.**

startling sensations of various kinds, he was allowed to get up.

War Paint

Down the stairs again. Ah! What a relief. Just as these thoughts were being followed by a long sigh, a pair of burly hands grasped his shoulders, led him into a small room, and smeared his face and hair with bright yellow calomine.

Nor was this all. Led to the garden with some three dozen companions, he was made to transfer a pile of turnips to the root house.

However, many hands make light work, and the task was soon completed.

The Grand March

There was left now only the grand march past Pembina Hall, which the Freshmen carried out in a manner that would do credit to the Coldstream Guards.

The Flag Rush

Two o'clock. Oh, how long had the young rebels waited for this hour of revenge. How impatiently had they longed for the signal to rush that little band of courageous Sophomores lined up in front of the flag.

Vengeance is Saccharine!

At last the charge was sounded, and before the guardians of the flag were aware of what had happened, Freshman Bill Holgate was romping merrily down the field with the flag. He was pursued by the Sophomores with the Freshies at their heels. Then came the moment of vengeance. Though they fought bravely, the second year men were hopelessly outnumbered, and soon had to admit defeat.

Buried the Hatchet

Hatchets were buried there and then, and laughing Sophs and Freshies shook hands as they discussed their various bruises.

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Passing of Initiations

In his presidential address, delivered to the students Wednesday afternoon in Convocation Hall, Sir Robert Falconer officially opened the 1926-27 session of the university and welcomed the Freshman class to the joys of the campus. . . . Sir Robert mentioned, among the changes of the past year, the passing of the old initiations, and asked for the co-operation of the student body in carrying on the regulations which had been adopted by the Caput. Approved by the Students' Administration Council, these regulations provided for the suspension or expulsion of students holding initiation ceremonies involving physical violence or interference with personal liberty.

—The Queen's Journal.

INITIATION--WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT DOES

By Iconoclast

Initiation is the process of formally entering upon an office or society. It has widespread acceptance because it seems to be inherent in our minds to prove the worth of our associates. The primitive man of yesterday worshipped strength, for in a world of continual warring against the heat and cold, wild beasts and other men, strength was a distinctly desirable quality in one's friend. The strongest, most fearless men were the most valuable of all tribal members. That was the earliest form of initiation, and that was an initiation charged with reason and purpose. In later times the idea of initiation was extended to every kind of human organization or society. The early church subjected its proselytes to an initiation quite as exacting as was the one of early tribal days. But it was an initiation of moral rather than physical stress. It, too, was wisely purposed.

Changed From Early Restriction

Since that time the practice of initiatory rites has been extended to almost every society. But no stronger foothold has it ever obtained than in the various institutions of culture to be found throughout the enlightened population of the American continent.

The shaggy savage had a fierce and brutal initiation, but its purpose justified its brutality; the religious and monastic orders had very painful and exacting initiations, but they had reasons for them.

The initiation at the University of Alberta (and at the few smaller colleges which still cling to what once was a universal practice) is not characterized by brutality. Nor does it entail any great moral stress. That is as it should be, for university students are living under the conditions of neither barbarians nor monks.

Characteristics of Rite Here

What characterizes the initiation at the University of Alberta? There seems to be no guiding principle; there seems to be indeed very little that is consistent in the whole business, but the most conspicuous element is certainly that of abuse. The neophyte is abused in body on every occasion that the harmless and pointless horseplay of ingenious Sophomore invention exceeds itself in violence. In a noble effort to abuse the iota of pride which must exist (so it is assumed) in the breast of every Freshman, the young man's normal confidence and self-respect are dangerously assailed. The Freshman's mind is painstakingly abused by a program that is indisputably nonsense and worst of all the university herself is sadly abused because the sanction and approval of the whole absurdity is clearly imputed to her.

What It Is Supposed to Do

The advocates of initiation maintain that it should perform three valuable services to the new student:

1. That it should impress him with the insignificance of himself and his new position.
2. That it should inculcate in his breast a warm genuine love for his foster mother.
3. That it affords himself and his fellows an enviable opportunity for getting acquainted.

Let us consider these one by one. Does abuse impress the Freshman with his own insignificance? There are, of course, certain Freshmen who, when they assume the cap and bells, discover themselves as significant human beings for the first time in

A FRESHMAN SPEAKS

Oh, pity the Frosh when you cruelly mock them, With hair-cut awry and in far-cical dress;

We all know quite well you have set out to shock them, But why make them look such a pitiful mess?

And pity the Freshettes in long, filmy panties, With hair plastered down from the middle both ways; Deprived of their dignity, even their vanities,

Thank goodness it stopped at the end of three days.

But you, perky Sophs, will be out of the running

When next year we travel your bloodthirsty trail, For you'll be just Juniors, in oblivion sunning,

And we'll be the fiends who will make the Frosh quail! —ONE OF THE FROSH.

This unfortunately has been the attitude assumed by each Freshman class. Below is submitted an alternative ending:

"And we'll be the friends who will welcome the Frosh." What do you think of adopting that attitude, Freshmen!

—THE EDITOR.



Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to congratulate you on the very definite stand taken in your editorial of last week concerning initiation.

For years we have admitted among ourselves the abhorrence of this invidious thing, yet we continue to suffer it. Restrictions and changes it is true, have been effected, but the spirit of initiation remains unchanged. And that spirit, in the opinion of a large number, is not a worthy one.

Surely a group of men and women of university age can be introduced to our academic and campus activities without a probationary period of humiliation and bondage. A formal admission may be desirable, but our inability to devise something satisfactory should not be held an excuse for the further tolerance of the present miserable procedure.

It takes moral courage to throw entirely overboard a tradition handed down through the years. Has our student body enough of that quality to say determinedly that initiation in its present form must go? If so, the hour is here.

Yours very truly,
E. W. BRUNSDEN.

in which she cannot afford to injure her own reputation in the eyes of her children. Remember Cinderella and her cruel stepmother! We could conceive no sadder fate for this university than to see it transformed into a community of Cinderellas, each one careless of the hour of midnight.

The third argument is undoubtedly prompted by the adage "Misery

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Try-outs for the four casts will be called in the very near future, and everyone should see that his talent is given every chance to develop through the channels provided by the Dramatic Society.

Monthly meetings for the discussion, reading or acting of plays and for the consideration of allied problems will be held throughout the session. The final event of the college dramatic year will be the annual Spring Play presented by a cast chosen from the actors and actresses who have come to the fore during the year. Dramatic Society "As" are awarded by the Literary Association each year for particular service during the year.

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ADDRESS ON DANIEL AT SUNDAY SERVICE

A. U. G. Bury Discusses Character of Ancient Prophet at Length

Last Sunday morning the first university service of the term was held in Convocation Hall. Mr. A. U. G. Bury delivered the feature address. The soloist was Mr. George Conquest. A large number of the students and faculty were present.

Mr. Bury took as the subject of his address the sixth chapter of the Book of Daniel, and laid stress on the last words of the tenth verse, which reads: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber, toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." The "writing" was a decree signed by the king forbidding the worship of any god but himself.

Three Great Characteristics

Daniel's action, said the speaker, showed three great things about his character, and these were revealed by the striking phrase, "as he had done aforetime." He is thus shown to have been conservative, in the spiritual sense, not allowing anything to upset his well-ordered religious life. Then, this phrase shows that Daniel was true to his principles, refusing to compromise in the slightest where the laws of God are concerned. The third striking characteristic was, in the speaker's mind, the most important of all. Daniel evidently abstained from adding anything to his previous manner of worship. On hearing the king's decree, he did not rush to the other extreme, throw wide his windows, and with a wild blare of trumpets, blazon forth the fact that he worshipped the true God. If he had done this, in his anxiety lest his enemies would fail to notice his defiance, he would worship mechanically and so lose sight of God. Daniel remained calm, collected in thought, and steadfast in his faith that his usual amount of prayer and devotion would suffice to help him in his coming ordeal. Daniel's character was built up by strong faith, strong practice and unvarying adherence to his principles.

The address was concluded with the observation that character in the men of today could only be procured through the same sound channels.

The solo sung by Mr. Geo. Conquest, entitled "I heard the voice of Jesus say," was a very pleasing addition to the opening religious observance of the university.

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Pres.: Gav. Beggs
g—Tennis
Pres.: Tommy Gross
h—Swimming
Pres.: Charlie Waldo
i—Baseball
Pres.: "Happy" Hansen
j—House League Basketball
Pres.: Evan Galbraith
k—Interfaculty Hockey
Pres.: Mac Holmes
l—Interfaculty Rugby
Pres.: "Red" McLean

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10 Faculty Clubs.
4 Class Organizations.
6 Academic Discussion Clubs.
2 House Committees.
1 Social Directorate.

CHART OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS 1926-27

STUDENTS' UNION
Pres.: Ernest Wilson
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FOR THE BENEFIT OF MODEST MEN AND WOMEN

Executives of every student organization wish to urge upon new members the desirability of their dispensing with modesty and backwardness in joining clubs around the university. Freshmen or Freshettes who are interested in the work of any organization should approach some member of its executive and inform him, or her, of that fact. Executives have not the time to pursue every possible worker—they ask new students not to wait for invitations. The chart above is published for the information of all, but especially, new students.

MARRIAGES

MacEACHRAN—RUSSELL

The marriage of Elizabeth Irene Russell and Dr. John Malcolm MacEachran took place on July 26 in the Scottish National Church (Crown Court Church), Covent Garden, London. The Rev. Joseph Moffett, B.A., performed the ceremony in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Russell and Miss Jessie Russell, respectively brother, sister-in-law and sister of the bride, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Downs, Mr. S. Laycock, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Huskins and Mr. Ted Gowan, of Edmonton. Dr. and Mrs. MacEachran left immediately after for an extended visit to the continent. The Crown Court Church is a very interesting old Scottish church founded in the early seventeenth century.

Mrs. MacEachran was, before her marriage, the house superintendent of the University of Alberta residences. Dr. MacEachran is Provost of the University.

RANKIN—WEST

At the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Orr, of Edmonton, on Wednesday, July 28, 1926, Florence West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John West, of Quebec, to Dr. Allan Coats Rankin, son of the late Mr. John Rankin and Mrs. Rankin, of Montreal. Dr. and Mrs. Rankin will make their home in Garneau. Dr. Rankin has been for six years Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Alberta.

WEIR—TEVIOTDALE

At Pasadena, California, on July 30, 1926, Elizabeth Teviotdale, formerly of Edmonton, to John Alexander Weir. Professor Weir is Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta.

VANGO—LITTLE

At Holy Trinity Church, Edmonton, on July 31, 1926, Anna Ethelwyn Little to Dr. Harold Vango. Dr. Vango is Professor in the Medical Faculty of the University of Alberta.

BUCHANAN—DE SILVA

At Saskatoon, on October 22, 1925, Helen Bravin de Silva, B.A. '26, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. De Silva, of Edmonton, to Nelles Victor Buchanan, LL.B. '21, son of Rev. T. C. Buchanan, of Edmonton.

FANJOY—McARTHUR

At Peterboro, Ont., on May 22, 1926, Eva McArthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McArthur, Edmonton, to William Fanjoy, B.Sc. '24, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Fanjoy. They have made their home at 469 Gilmour Street, Peterboro.

STADE—ROGERS

At Edmonton, on May 14th, 1926, Florence Rogers, second daughter of Mr. W. A. Rogers, to Frederick John Stade, B.A. '26. Mr. and Mrs. Stade have made their home in Vermilion.

STEWART—CASTOR

At Edmonton, on June 1st, 1926, Jessie Irene Castor, B.A. '25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Castor, to Frederick John Stewart, B.Sc. '25, son of the Hon. Charles Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will live in Peterboro for the summer, later going to Ottawa to reside.

RICHERT—CHARLEBOIS

At Edmonton, Mary Charlebois, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Charlebois, to Charles Richert, B.Sc. '25, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Richert, of Metz, Lorraine, France. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father O'Hara in St. Joseph's Church. Mr. and Mrs. Richert will reside in Lethbridge.

REED—HENNESSY

At Edmonton, on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1926, Jean Parson Hennessy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hennessy, to Charles Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Reed, of Calgary. Mr. Reed is an Arts and M.Sc. graduate of the University of Alberta, and is now completing a course for his Ph.D. at Harvard University. Mr. and Mrs. Reed will make their home in Cambridge, Mass.

THOMSON—EDGAR

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Edgar, Innisfail, on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1926, Bertha Jean Oriel Edgar, to Leonard Baden Thomson, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thomson, of Blenheim, New Zealand. Both bride and groom graduated from the University of Alberta in 1925. Mr. and Mrs. Thomson will make their home at Swift Current, where Mr. Thomson is employed as Dominion Government field husbandman.

Athletics of Other Days

By Dean Howes

The story of athletics in the University of Alberta prior to the upheaval of 1914, is a most gripping one, but can only be properly handled by someone who took a part in what was going on during those early years. There is every reason to believe that our university in those years was fortunate in attracting to it some of the best athletes of that day and probably of other days. The achievement in hockey, basketball, and football should be told by A. E. Ottewill, Russel Love, Max Fife—someone who helped to win the fame which undoubtedly belongs to the athletes of Varsity of that day. The writer was here during the summer of '14, although not a member of the staff at that time, and he had the privilege of meeting most of these famous athletes that year and the following, but they were busy training for a grimmer game—the last in which many of them were to line up. Early athletics in our university owe much to the late Professor Edwards, who gave so much of his time to this phase of student activity. No practice, game, or field day, but saw him doing all he could to guide sports as he felt they should be directed. For a period following the day when Professor Edwards was taken from us, sports suffered a slump partially for the lack of a guiding hand, but also due to an after-the-war reaction. During the survival, which, of course, was bound to take place, it was my privilege to be somewhat closely associated with the athletes on several of our basketball, hockey, rugby and track teams, and it is chiefly from the experience of those few years I should like to offer a few observations. There will be little intrusion into the story of more recent years (not enough to justify reference when Dr. Hardy or Jimmie Bill make speeches).

We Are Proud of Them

The athletes of our university, almost without exception, were men with whom one was proud to associate. I call to mind the incident when a dear old couple, who had been on the train with us to Winnipeg, asked Col. Jamieson to introduce them to our team, that they might express their appreciation of the gentlemanly conduct of the boys on the trip. In my experience there was never the least reason to renege with any member of a team during the many trips taken; our boys were always a credit to their university. This is a tradition well worth cherishing.

My next observation has to do with the development of a proper sporting spirit, a logical result surely of proper sport. It is true, perhaps that we on this continent place too high a premium upon winning—such has been frequently the accusation, particularly in comparison with the athletes of the old land. Be that as it may, I have to report that for the most part our boys were good losers, no small credit before the days of the W. C. I. A. U., and even in the earlier days of that organization, when we ran foul of not a few unpleasant experiences. Also I have to report that they were good winners, something worthy of more credit than is generally awarded.

Athletes Good Students

The great majority of our athletes were good students from the academic standpoint despite the few trying exceptions that after all helped to prove the rule. In the case of the exceptions, it was not the time lost while participating in athletics, it was the mental obsession that resulted. We had two boys, splendid athletes, who were ideal in their bearing toward team mates, opponents and officials; a splendid influence on the ice, only they did not pass examinations. They talked and dreamed hockey to the exclusion of such uninteresting things as university courses—so we had to part. There always will be these exceptions who fail to sense just what is the real purpose of the University—but the thing we who are in a position to speak with more authority. I have tried

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right sort of sport has been worth while as an integral factor in our scheme for developing the all-round graduate. I have also registered a claim that the tradition of the earlier years is worthy to be upheld. May I venture, in conclusion, to point out that our institution is still young and that, therefore, our present day athletes have an important part to play in further laying the foundation of a tradition in athletics that shall be an inspiration to the students in the years that are to come—not all work, not all play, but a rational combination of the two, and our best for both.

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THE OLD COLLEGE AND THE NEW UNIVERSITY

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I have it on tradition that in the year 1860 or thereabouts, the way in which a student matriculated into a college was, that the venerable gentleman named the Principal called him into his office and asked him who his father was, and whether he had read Virgil.

If the old gentleman liked the answers to these questions he let the boy in.

Nowadays when a student matriculates, it requires in the first place some four pages of printed regulations to tell him how; after which there is demanded two weeks of continuous writing, and the consumption of at least twenty square yards of writing paper.

One of these two systems is what we now call Organization; the other is not. I dare not doubt for a minute which is the best. There is the same difference as there is between a Court Martial and an Appeal to the Privy Council, so that it would be folly, if not treason, to express a preference for the older plan.

But like many other things the plan was not wholly bad. For they do say that sometimes the venerable Principal would keep the boy talking for half an hour or so, and when the youth left, he would say, "Remarkable boy, that! Has the makings of a scholar in him!" And the little matriculant, his heart swollen with pride, would hurry away to the college library with a new fever for Virgil's Aeneid burning within him. By such and similar processes there was set up in the college a sort of personal relationship, not easily established nowadays even by the "contact" section of the "Committee on Friendliness."

For nowadays every matriculant is just a name and a number, and when he gets into the first year he is merely a "case," and in his second year simply a "seat," and in his third year a "condition," and in his fourth year, at the best, a "parch-

ment," and after that not even a memory.

There can, of course, be no doubt that present days and present things are better—none whatever. To anybody who attended a place that was called a "college" and had 300 hundred students, it is wonderful to come back and find it grown—or at any rate swollen, inflated, shall I say?—into a University of 3,000 students with a President instead of a Principal, and with as many "faculties" and departments and committees as there are in the League of Nations. It is wonderful to think of this vast organization pouring out its graduates like beans out of a hopper. It is marvellous, I repeat, to reflect on the way that everything is organized, standardized, unified, and reduced to a provable sample of excellence.

The college athletics of the older day, how feeble they seem by comparison now. The group of students gathered round the campus in the October dusk to cheer the football team—each cheering, or calling, upon some poor notion of his own as to the merits of the play—how crude it seems beside the organized hysteria of the Rooters Club. The college daily journal of today with its seven columns of real "news," and needing nothing but a little murder to put it right in line with the big one-cent papers, the organs of one-cent opinion, how greatly superior it is to the old time "College Journal." That poor maundering thing made its appearance at irregular intervals, emerging feebly like the Arctic sun from behind its cloud of debt, and containing nothing later in the way of "news" than a disquisition on the art of William Shakespeare.

Or take the college library of the old days, how limited it was, with its one ancient librarian, with a beard that reached his girdle, handing out the books one by one, and remembering the students by their faces. As if up-to-date students had any!

The old college is no doubt gone and we could not bring it back if we would. But it would perhaps be well for us if we could keep alive something of the intimate and friendly spirit that inspired it.

Whereupon, I am certain, someone will at once propose a University committee on brotherly love with power to compel attendance and impose fines.

TO GOWN OR NOT TO GOWN

By R. T.

The vision of a few be-gowned Seniors floating in our midst brings back to some of last year's students visions of heated debates and lively, spicy meetings. Last year's Senior class in the end definitely took the stand that they were in favor of, and in fact desirous of, seeing their members wear gowns in and about the lecture rooms and halls.

The chief reason for the movement in the first place was to promulgate some spirit and life in the Senior class. It had always been customary for the Seniors to think of the good times they had had and the hard times that were coming; of the care-free days of the past and the serious days of the future; of the youth that had gone and the old-age that was coming; of the single-blessedness of the past and the not-so-blessed life of the future. Under this great and fearful burden it was necessary to feel depressed and despondent, and any attempt by the lighter and less thoughtful members of the class to enjoy themselves was frowned upon as a violation of the Senior's rights, and rank infantilism and almost sacrilege.

But that day is gone. Last year's class came to life and ended the year bubbling over with enthusiasm and high spirit. It was not unusual to see a group of Seniors heatedly discussing some question of the moment. Let us hope that this year's and future classes will not relapse into the old condition.

Another reason for adopting the gown was in order to embody the old traditional emblem of university life into this new and almost traditionless centre of learning.

A third reason was to mark out the Senior from the rest of the university. It was thought advisable by some to mark in some way those students who had spent three or more years about the University in order that he might be recognized by the new students and respected (as he certainly should be). The Freshman is made to respect the Sophomore by means of fear and force; it was thought the lower classmen should be made to respect the Senior by means of example and desire to imitate. It is not the student whom it is so desirable one should respect simply because he is a Senior, for, as all know, there are Seniors whom none could respect, but rather the symbol of seniority—the uniform (as Captain Davies, of the C.O.T.C., would put it)—the gown.

While the gown does not lend itself to easy wearing in all the faculties, still it should not be difficult to wear it at most lectures. The Arts and Law and Commerce faculties are naturally the most ardent supporters because of the nature of their courses, and the women students have always been quite in favor of it. Probably the greatest difficulty is the pleasant indifference of some of the students.

Let us all think seriously of the matter. Let us not allow selfish considerations to interfere with our opinion, when the action of this year's class is considered, such as any slight inconvenience it might cause at first, but let us think of the benefits and disadvantages as a whole of the atmosphere it would give the institution, of the impressions it would

L'ART POUR CANADA

On Monday evening of this week the Edmonton Museum of Art were fortunate in having as their guest of honor, A. Y. Jackson, R.C.A., leader of the "Group of Seven." His presence arouses many reflections of varying importance and interest.

It is banal to commence with that assertion that it is through its art alone, that a civilization leaves a trace of its existence, yet it is the premise with which we must logically start. In this age of commercial "efficiency" and "service," all that is not immediately necessary and useful tends to be disregarded. We overlook, in the words of A. Huxley, the significant historical fact that all the valuable things in life, all the things that make for civilization and progress are precisely the unnecessary ones. All scientific research, all art,

all religion is (by comparison with making breakfast foods or reinforced hosiery) unnecessary. But if we had stuck to the merely necessary, we should still be apes. Art is the ultimate refinement of the unnecessary, the lasting extrinsic of life.

Should Canada be suddenly annihilated, buried under some stupendous eruption of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, what would the antiquarians of a future cycle find to make our civilization glorious in their histories? Very little. A literature or an art must be the product of the soil as essentially as the crops. It must be the spontaneous effort of expression of those who are at once closest to the earth and farthest from it. What have we that is of and by Canada, that is pervaded with the atmosphere of the soil? In literature, we might with difficulty scrape together half-a-dozen French-Canadian books, and some of the plays of Denison. For the rest, there is no art; it is merely the satisfaction of a public demand for amusement. One can imagine a writer reading his copy of the Saturday Evening Post, and sitting down to emulate those stories. . . . Painting is nondescript. The painters find very pretty little scenes in Canada which they sit down to and copy in the French manner, as their Parisian instructors have taught them.

The Group of Seven is the first stirrings towards a national art. They do not go to foreign countries to learn a style that has developed naturally in conditions totally at variance with those in which they hope to employ it. They are evolving something intensely national, a fit medium to express Canada in her moods. The pioneering has not been conscious in literature, but there is a slow groping in the right path. The field is wide ahead.

It is to Mr. Jackson and his asso-

ciates that the Academy will be most truly grateful in future years for the preservation of the early vigorous Canadian art. At second hand in his weird studies of the totem-poles, at first hand in his original discoveries of unknown artists. He has brought back with him a painting by an Indian, *Alexis, of Fort Simpson*. It is done in watercolor on sand-papered cardboard. Lack of technique there is in it, but it is fresh, virile, on a subject that the painter is interested in. If, as Mr. Jackson, hopes, the Academy purchases it, it will be the first recognition of British Columbia art. A lesson, perhaps, to the banalities of Vancouver. In Quebec, there is an old woodcarver who hews angels with an axe out of pine-slabs for his church. They are finely done, with sincere and artistic expression. The Academy has already more than one of his works. It is for this that the Group of Seven works, to build up a truly national art, an embodiment of the spirit of the soil, a fostering of all that is fresh, vigorous, Canadian. This is an ideal worthy of any association, that by interpretation is mate for any branch of life.

—C. C.

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Do We Take Our Debating Too Seriously?

By Junius, Jr.

Is debating a serious matter, a pastime for only those who think deeply on weighty matters, or is it an intellectual amusement for those who find life very well worth living and enjoying? It depends on the debate.

Doubtless under the old formal rules, the debater, handicapped by traditions and the supposed importance of a long-dead issue, may be pardoned if he feels it necessary to fill his bandolier with the ammunition of flowery rhetoric; his pack with painful paragraphs, marshal his arguments into logical ranks and march against his adversary with the swift sureness of a slow motion picture of an army worm. It is no wonder that under such circumstances the audience is bored and listless, interested only in who wins;—nor that having heard one debate they have very little interest in the next.

But given a subject which can be treated with levity without violating the provisions of the B.N.A. Act, there is no reason why a debate should not be both interesting and amusing. If the debaters go into the debate with the idea of out-generalizing and out-guessing their opponents, of taking their arguments and tearing them to threads, or circumventing them with wily subterfuge, then there would be a struggle which would intrigue the interest of any audience. And if such an attack were generously sprinkled with witty sallies and sarcasm it is possible that the unruffled surface of the intel-

lectual depths of the average debate fan might be broken with an occasional slight but dignified ripple of amusement.

It is all very well to argue that a subject must be worthy of the mettle of the debaters, so worthy that the valuable time they spend in studying it may develop in them minds capable of keen insight, logical thought and anything else that may be expected of a university man. But it is also true that another and lighter form of debate develops a ready wit, quick repartee, and an ability to sway audiences which the stodgy debater will never possess.

It appears that the debating executive have this year cast the die very definitely in favor of the more popular form of debate. This experiment will be well worth watching, and should stimulate a far greater interest in debating.

C. O. T. C.



Part I, Contingent Orders No. 16-26, by Lieut.-Col. F. A. Stewart Dunn, Commanding U. of A. Contingent, C.O.T.C.

Oct. 12, 1926.

Para. 69.—Inter-University Rifle Meet

Any members of the Unit who wish to try out for the team which will represent this Unit in above-mentioned meet will hand their names in to the Orderly Room (303 Arts Building) immediately.

Para. 70.—Inspection of Q.M. Stores The annual ordnance inspection by District Headquarters will be held in the near future. All equipment, rifles included, must be returned at once.

Para. 71.—Parades

Tuesday, Oct. 19th, 1926. The Unit will parade on Tuesday, October 19, at 4:30 p.m. sharp, at rear of Arts Building (outside).

Dress: Civilian clothes with great-coats and gloves or mitts. Syllabus: Rifle drill, by officers.

Para. 71.—Parades

Thursday, Oct. 21st, 1926. Place and time of parade as in para. 71.

Dress: Civilian clothes and gloves or mitts. Syllabus: Platoon and section drill by platoon officers.

Para. 72.—Parades—Special Notice In the event of inclement weather conditions, parades called for outside will be held in Convocation Hall.

Para. 73.—Part II.—Orders The attention of all new members of the Unit is directed to Part II. Orders.

Para. 74.—Cadets Not Returning Any past members of the Unit who have not yet signified their intention to remain on strength must report to Orderly Room before Wednesday, October 20th, 1926, otherwise they will be struck off strength.

PERCY G. DAVIES,
Capt. and Adjutant,
U. of A. Contingent,
Can. Off. Tr. Corps.

STOCK JUDGING TEAM TO TRAVEL

Five Men to Be Chosen in Near Future—Just Nosed Out Last Year, But it is Now 1926

Unless something quite unforeseen at present occurs, Alberta will for the third successive season be represented at the Toronto Royal Stock Show by a team of five student judges.

Eastern universities have already learned to respect the young live stock men from this province. Two years ago, the first year of the competition, Alberta annexed the championship and also had the distinction of sending the winner of the highest individual aggregate score. In 1925 a bare eleven points separated the local team from top place, while an Alberta man captured first honors in the dairy cattle class.

Macdonald Cup the Trophy The annual competition is made possible by the generosity of the Macdonald Registered, manufacturers of the Macdonald tobacco products. This corporation donates the grand trophy and individual awards, and in addition pays railway transportation for members of the teams from Western Canada.

The founder of the organization, the late Sir Wm. Macdonald, has done much for Canadian agriculture. The Macdonald Institute at Guelph and Macdonald College, Quebec, stand as tributes to his benevolent interest in the business of farming. Those who have succeeded him are furthering his ideals in making it possible for students of agriculture from the various colleges in Canada to meet in annual competition.

Friendly rivalry exists among the various candidates for the honor of representing Alberta, and it is safe to say that until the personnel of the team is announced late this month feverish activity will be noted in the vicinity of the university barns.

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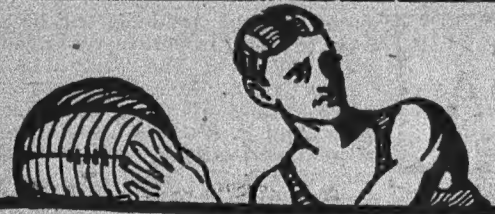
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SPORTS

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Pharmadent Track Men Inter-faculty Champions

Werthenbach Individual Star—Poor Weather Saves Records From Bad Battering on Track, Infield, and Jumping Pit
—Miss Higgs Annexes Ladies' Honors

Interfaculty track honors for the coming year were captured by Pharmadents as a result of the meet held on Friday, which, though it resulted in no records being broken, produced many close finishes, and displayed to the fans the makings of a Varsity track team of unusual strength. With Werthenbach, Cutsungavich, Cockle and Reid coming through in fine style, the Pharmadents had a wide margin over their rivals, piling up a total of 56 points as a result of the afternoon's harvest. A complete monopoly on the sprints and middle distance events, together with a strong showing in the weights, jumps and distance events, accounted for their win. Arts, last year's champs, were runners-up with 41½ points, gathered in by Sproule, Russell, Tinkham, Parsons and Begg. Com-Law, with 22½ points, finished third as a result of the efforts of a two-man team—Bright and Walker, while Ag-Sci finished miserably in the cellar position. A modest three points, contributed by MacLeod, was all that saved them from a whitewash.

Favorites Win

There were no surprises sprung during the afternoon, the favorites coming through to win in practically every event. With a total of 20 points to his credit "Phlaxen Phritzt" Werthenbach capped the individual championship, burning up the cinders to win the 100 and 220, capturing the 120 yards hurdles with ease, and rounding out the afternoon by a close win in the broad jump. Only two points behind was Bright, whose supremacy in the weight events re-

mained unchallenged. Third place fell to Sproule, wins in the mile and 3-mile with a second in the half, netting him a total of 13 points. Cockle, Russell and Cutsungavich finished in close succession, with 12, 11 and 10 points respectively.

Weather Bad

A bitter wind and a rough track proved too big a handicap for the athletes to overcome in order to break any records. Nevertheless the moderate crowd of fans who attended were given plenty to enthuse over, and it was a first-class bunch of athletes which Coach Tait produced for the inspection of those who braved the elements.

Werthenbach was an easy winner in the sprints. Taking the lead from the crack of the gun in both the 100 and 220, he was never seriously challenged, and romped home well ahead of the rest of the field. Russell and Stanley finished second in the 100 and 220 respectively.

In the middle distances, the quarter and half-mile, Cutsungavich retained his laurels, though pressed in both events. The half witnessed the advent of Sproule, who although unused to this distance, made a real race of it, his well-known staying power keeping "Cuts" on his toes all the time.

Breaking away from the start in the 440 as though it were a 100-yard sprint, Cuts and Walker battled hard all the way round the track. Cuts had the final spurt which spelled victory for him, coming down the final stretch in great style.

Sproule captured the mile and 3-mile events, and although Reid made a good fight of it in both events, the winner had a good margin over him in both, finishing a total of 4½ miles running for the afternoon in great shape.

Although, as was expected, Bright captured the weight events once again, he was given a better contest than for some time past. Cockle, a newcomer to the game, displaying fine form, finished second in the shot-put and discus throw, and took first place in the javelin.

Honors in the pole-vault also went to a newcomer. Parsons, with a vault of 9 feet, taking this event after a very keen struggle. Russell was true to form in the high jump, but the dope-bucket was upset in the broad jump event, when Werthenbach took the hardest contested event of the day, defeating the favorite Russell by a fraction of an inch.

Close Competition in Ladies' Events
After a keen struggle which left the issue in doubt until the final

WE'RE WITH THEM

The following men will represent Alberta at the annual Inter-University Track and Field Meet to be held in Saskatoon on Saturday:

A. Bright,
L. Cockle,
F. Russell,
F. Werthenbach,
T. Stanley,
D. Sproule,
C. Reid,
W. Cutsungavich.

When the train pulls out tonight, this team will carry with them the best wishes of all their fellows, and will bring greetings from Alberta to the representatives of the three other competing universities.

event was run off, Helen Higgs, nimble-footed freshette, won the ladies' individual championship, displacing Gladys Fry, last year's victor, by one point, with a total of 12. Fran McMillan and Ursula McLatchie were right on their heels with 10 points each.

The following is the summary of the afternoon's events. If you are of the Pharmadent clan, read it and grin; if an Ag-Sci, try and avoid eye-strain:

100 yards dash: 1. Werthenbach (P); 2. Russell (A); 3. Walker (C-L). Time, 11 seconds.

Hammer throw: 1. Bright (C-L); 2. Begg (A); 3. Cockle (P). Dist. 108ft. 2in.

Half-mile: 1. Cutsungavich (P); 2. Sproule (A); 3. Gemmel (P). Time, 2:13 3-5.

Broad jump: 1. Werthenbach (P); 2. Russell (A); 3. Parsons (A). Dist. 20ft. 2in.

Discus: 1. Bright (C-L); 2. Cockle (P); 3. Begg (A). Dist. 115ft. 9½in.

One mile: 1. Sproule (A); 2. Reid (P). Time, 5:12 1-5.

Shot-put: 1. Bright (C-L); 2. Cockle (P); 3. MacLeod (A-Sci). Dist. 35ft. 7½in.

Pole vault: 1. Parsons (A); 2. Lyons (P) and McClung (A)—tie. Height, 9ft. 120 yards hurdles: 1. Werthenbach (P); 2. Tinkham (A). Time, 18 4-5.

440 yards: 1. Cutsungavich (P); 2. Walker (C-L); 3. Gemmel (P). Time, 58 2-5.

Running high jump: 1. Russell (A); 2. Lyons (P); 3. MacLeod (A-Sci). Height, 5ft. 3in.

220 yards dash: 1. Werthenbach (P); 2. Stanley (A); 3. Tinkham (A) and Walker (C-L)—tie. Time, 25.

3 mile: 1. Sproule (A); 2. Reid (P). Time, 17:52.

Javelin: 1. Cockle (P); 2. Bright (C-L); 3. MacLeod (A-Sci). Dist. 124ft. 11½in.

Total: Pharmadent 56, Arts 41½, Com-Law 22½, Ag-Sci 3.

Ladies
100 yards: 1. P. McMillan; 2. Higgs; 3. Coome. Time, 14 1-5.

Shot-put: 1. McLatchie; 2. Nichols; 3. Fry. Dist. 14ft. 7in.

Broad jump: 1. Higgs; 2. Fry; 3. Morrison. Dist. 10ft. 11½in.

50 yards: 1. McMillan; 2. Higgs; 3. Coome. Time, 17.

Throwing basketball: 1. McLatchie; 2. Fry; 3. Calder. Dist. 47ft. 10in.

High jump: 1. Fry and Nichols (tie); 3. Higgs. Height, 4ft.

Officials
Referee, Dean Howes; Track Judges, Drs. MacEachran, Alexander and Hardy; Field Judges, Dr. Sheldon, Mr. West, Syd. Stephens, Whit. Matthews; Timers, Dr. Campbell, Dr. MacLeod and Mr. Nichols; Scorers, A. L. Burt and C. E. Race; Clerks of the Meet, A. C. Ahrens and L. Kindt; Coach, Mr. Tait.

Alberta Scene of First Tennis Meet

Saskatchewan and B.C. Sending Strong Teams to First Western Intercollegiate Tournament

Arrangements are practically concluded for the holding in Edmonton of the first Western Canada Intercollegiate Tennis tournament, consisting of teams representing University of British Columbia, University of Saskatchewan, and University of Alberta.

Each university will be represented by a team of four competitors, two men and two women, the tournament extending over two days. It is known that the University of B.C. is sending an exceptionally strong team including several of the most prominent players on the Pacific coast. The University of Saskatchewan is sending Ellis, MacMillan, one of the best players in Saskatchewan, together with a strong pair of skillful women players.

The University of Alberta team will be picked from the finalists of the men's singles and ladies' singles which will be completed today or tomorrow. All university players and tennis followers are urged to turn out in force to help make this first intercollegiate meet a success.

The dates for the tournament are not yet finally set, but the matches will be played either this week-end or next.

WOMAN ATHLETES ELECT OFFICERS

Two meetings of the Women's Athletic Association have already been held, one on the 5th of October and another on the 7th. A lively interest was shown in both meetings. Officers were elected, and the executive is now complete.

Ursula McLatchie was unanimously chosen vice-president of the association, and Gladys Fry manager of track. Erna Nichols was selected to fill the office of manager of senior basketball, and Gertrude Connors is now manager of hockey. Ernestine Capsey is the manager of House League basketball.

Quite a lengthy debate ensued on the advisability of sending a girls' track team to the W.C.I.A.U. meet this fall. It was finally concluded that interest in track was not sufficient to warrant the expense of sending such a team.

OFF FOR SASKATOON



AUBS BRIGHT

Leaves tonight with the rest of the team for Saskatoon. Aubs is a sure point winner, in fact, has featured athletic meets in these parts for several years. Bright has broken records for three consecutive years at the W.C.I.A.U. track meet. Alberta is pulling for him to repeat Saturday.

MANITOBA EXPECTS THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Veterans Counted on to Turn Back Invaders from British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Alberta

The University of Manitoba is confidently expecting another Western University Track championship this year, basing its claim on the tried men of previous Manitoba teams who are back this year, supposedly better than ever. Ball, last year's individual champion by reason of victories in the 100, 220 and 440 dashes, is back again. At the Manitoba meet a week ago he tied for individual honors with a newcomer by the name of Heather. The latter is a weight heavier of "strength," but his marks to date are considerably less than those set up by Bright.

King Gordon, who took the mile from Sproule a year ago, but who lost to Cutsungavich in the half, will represent Manitoba in both of these events. Creasy set a new high jump record of 5ft. 9½in. a few days ago. Creasy is also a pole vaulter. Odlaiffson, a broad jumper, has done 24ft. 3in. Bell will represent Manitoba in the hurdles.

VARSITY TENNIS

Under the energetic direction of President Cross, the annual tennis tournament is making good progress. The matches are keenly contested, and the standard of play is superior to that of former years. There have been few upsets so far, though Jean Folkins scored a notable win in defeating Marjorie Race, last year's ladies' champion.

Lyle, defending champion, Gerrie, Ian McDonald, Cross, Kenny McKenzie, Manning, Alexander and Smith are still in the money for the men's singles. In the ladies' division, Kay Howes, S. Primrose, Jean Folkins, F. Alexander and Gertrude Hyndman are the survivors.

Jimie Cairns and Marjorie Race played consistent tennis to cop the mixed doubles final. In the men's doubles progress is not so rapid, but on form so far the firm of Cross and Gerrie should go a long way with plenty of opposition from McDonald and Cairns and Dumchell and Halperin.

If the weather permits an inter-faculty contest will be staged, for which entries are called. An invitation has been given to B.C. and Saskatchewan varsties to send along their best for a tournament to be held next week. B.C. is exceptionally strong this year, having such stars as Jack McGill and the Leaming sisters.

ATTENTION, SOCCER MEN!

With a view to getting the Inter-Faculty Association Football League under way again after a couple of years' inactivity, the soccer moguls are anxious to get the names of all men interested in the game. Lists are posted on the Bulletin boards, and prospective players are urged to sign these at once.

WAUNEITAS HOLD DANCE TOMORROW

The Wauneita reception to the men students will be held on Friday, October 15th, in the dining hall at Athabasca.

This is an annual affair. It is a reception to the men by the women of the university. Freshettes and Freshmen are particularly urged to come and meet each other and upper classmen.

One particular feature of this dance is its informality. It is not a formal function—formal dress is out of order and escorts are not essential. It is customary for men and women to meet at the hall.

Dances should be engaged at the dance. Booking dances for an informal function in infra dig.

The purpose of the dance is to make people acquainted, and provide one gay, informal function in the Varsity year.

So, men, come and enjoy yourselves and be the guests of the Wauneitas for the evening. Women students, come and entertain your guests.

Inexperienced Varsity Team Beaten By Veterans

Old Times Win by 10-3 Score in Colorful Practice Game—Jimmy Bill and Scotty Brown Haven't Forgotten How

Playing an enlightened although somewhat informal brand of rugby, the Old Timers team defeated the green Varsity squad by the score of 10-3 in the opening fixture of the 1926 season at the Grid on Saturday. The locals entered the struggle with the services of either Bob Hill or O'Brien, the only surviving members of the 1925 backfield; and also without any scrimmage, ball-carrying, or tackling practice this season.

Almost all the Edmonton legends of the past few years were lined up against Varsity. Led by Jimmy Bill, local gridiron wizard, Scotty Brown, coach of the Junior Eskimos, and Jack McAllister, foxiest of all the quarter-backs in these parts, the veterans trotted out a formidable array of talent. Red McCall and Bobby Harrison, of both Varsity and Eskimo fame, Miles Palmer, the pugilistic middle-wing of the 1923 All-Canada team, Johnny Falkenberg, Andy Spence, Tiny Perring and three local players, Gourlay, Ken MacKenzie and Fat Williams, completed the visitors' line-up.

Jimmy Bill and Scotty Brown each scored a touch for the Old Timers, while Varsity grabbed off a safety touch and a kick to touch in goal for their points. Scotty was the only player to get through the Green and Gold secondary defense during the fray, zig-zagging through on two occasions for good gains. "Our Jimmy" did the booting for the veterans and made a nice job of it. McAllister, Palmer and Perring carried the ball effectively for big gains.

Fred Hess, long-legged Freshman backfield player from Western Canada College, was the best of the Varsity rearguard, handling both his hands and feet like the real thing. His kicking was high class throughout in spite of the fact that the Old Timers were breaking through on him regularly. "Charlie Ed" Selnes struck his old stride occasionally, and when he did the yards rolled by quite merrily. Terry Agnew, Clarence Laverty, Williams, Galbraith and Siebert all showed that they had the stuff commonly required in linemen. Old reliable D. P. McDonald and Retchmore were the best of the tacklers.

Ernie Lewis called the signals for the collegians, although Bobby Hill's experience may cause him to be moved up from half to fill that position later in the season. The "huddle" system was not used in the game, and the standard line-up of two halves and two line halves was employed. Hess and Powers started off behind the line with Mitchell and Pullishy in the line. Mitchell and Powers took up the rearguard duties later on and Matchmore went into the line-half berth. Don MacKenzie came on for Mutch, later changing places with Mitchell, and MacKenzie, Powers and Hess divided up the work for the last half.

Scotty Brown scored first for the invaders when he slipped over for a try in the opening quarter. It was not converted, Jimmy Bill not taking kindly to the new regulation requiring a convert from a drop kick.

In the second phase, Varsity got around the Old Timers' outside wings, and looked good for a big gain, but the ball didn't get out to the end of the extension.

In the third stanza Jimmy dodged around the Varsity end for the

second Old Timers' try, which also went unconverted. Soon afterwards Matchmore downed Brown for Varsity's first points after pushing the nimble Scot back over his own line for a safety touch. This was in the third period, and from then on the locals looked more dangerous.

A fine chance to score came in the last period, but was lost with only one point to show for it. Selnes tore off a couple of his famous plunges, and Don MacKenzie got his hands on an onside kick from Powers for yards. Powers and Lewis went around for a couple, and MacKenzie raised a kick to the unprotected side of the field. It was too far forward by a yard or so, rolling to touch in goal for Varsity's final point.

In spite of the reverse Coach Bill was more than satisfied at the showing made. The experience of the opposition cannot be duplicated in any of the teams with which matches will be held before the western play-off, and by that time Varsity should be as strong as she was at any time last year.

"GET OFF THE TRACK"

By Evelyn Willison

The half-mile race is nearly done, And "ladies' broad jump" has begun, When Fred's voice thunders through the air:

"Please get off the racetrack there."

Some youths who are a trifle late Stroll up the racetrack from the gate, And such an act Mac much enjoys, For he can yell, "Get off there, boys!"

Two gentlemen with canes in hand Step on the track, and there they stand

Absorbed in thought, but Freddie cries:

"Hey! Please get off that racetrack, guys!"

A group of gentle ladies gay Cross o'er the cinders on their way, McDougall lifts his megaphone, And "Please get off the track!" he groans.

The girls' Advisor then is seen Walk down the track with stately mien,

But nothing daunted, Freddie Mac Gasp, "Please get off the racing track!"

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Freshmen Warned That They Must Pass Three-Fifths of Tests to be Eligible—Fine Prospects

The attention of sport followers is at present concentrated upon track, rugby, tennis and other outdoor sports; but there are a few who look forward to the cold days of the winter season. These few report that signs are abroad foretelling a banner year in the two major indoor sports, basketball and hockey.

Faint rumblings of hockey battles are heard upon the campus, in spite of the uncertainty of the rink situation. An inquisitive person rustling through the Freshie questionnaires will find almost every Freshman, and many Freshettes, desirous of taking up the hickory cudgel. The records show that the stalwart veterans of previous teams will find stiff competition when the work-outs come round in December.

It behooves all who intend to try out for senior or interfaculty hockey to endeavor to keep in good condition and be prepared to work hard when the time comes. Of late, hockey has

come into its own in this university, and is rapidly becoming the major of the major sports.

Hockey magnates report that a strong City League will be under way this winter. There is keen competition among different parties for the vacant Gainer franchise. The night-mare of the Camrose trip now appears as a pleasant dream of real hockey on the new Camrose covered rink. With their old fighting spirit and a new rink, Camrose should be among the real contenders in the league.

Interfaculty competition has rapidly developed of recent years, and faithful followers of this league are confident that their hopes will be realized. Plans already formulated assure players of the finest league yet. All are reminded that this is the place for one and all to turn out and play. The more players, the more teams will be formed, and it is hoped that all desirous of playing will find an opportunity.

No less are the number of Freshmen who have indicated their desire to play basketball. And it might be in place to remind them that the Varsity fame of years gone by rested upon its wonderful basketball teams. All indications point to the organization of another team equalling in ability and spirit the famous teams of '21-'22 and '22-'23.

With the convenient University Gym, every opportunity is offered to followers of this sport. Any with ability or ambition are urged to prepare to try out for the senior or intermediate squads. Splendid exercise and training can be found with one of the House League teams. This league is house in name only, and all students are eligible for the teams. An attempt is made to even up the teams in the later half of the season by dividing them into A and B leagues. By this means the more ex-

perienced and skillful find their match, while the novices develop their talent in fair competition.

The mere mention of basketball or hockey to the "old timer" always raises the "ghoul" of term tests in his mind. Stark, bare, inexorable, and deadly. It cannot be too much emphasized that the aspirant for hockey or basketball honors must successfully meet his first tests before he can try out for a senior team. The scholastic standing rule in the Western Canada universities states that no one can play on a university team unless he or she has passed three-fifths of the courses carried during the year. Moreover, no one who does not qualify under the Calendar definition of a "bona fide" student is eligible.

With initiation over, the Freshie is advised and warned that he should prepare himself to pass his tests so that if he has the ability he can be relied upon to represent the univer-

VARSITY BREAKS LOOSE AT THEATRE NIGHT FRIDAY

Frosh Enjoy First Night of Freedom—Snake Dance Leaves Docile Motorists in Wake

According to the custom of a number of years, the week of initiation terminated with the Friday night theatre party at the Empire, followed by a snake dance through the business section of the city.

The function was entirely without the "class" distinction which had previously been so marked. The Frosh were allowed to run around unencumbered and unadorned, free from the fantastic garb that had previously barred them from polite society.

Songs and Yells

At the request of the Soph Class the Belmont Players inserted a special performance in their week's run, "Going Crooked," a comedy written with the disguised intention of driving away serious thoughts—such as those of French 5 and 4, or the memories of initiation. The theatre was packed to capacity. The students were in the finest fettle, and the Freshmen, after assuring one another that at last they were free, laughed at every line of the play, whether it was funny or not. Songs and yells bubbled forth in the exuberance of the evening. Merriment was supreme. Streamers shot from all sides, involved the theatre in a maze of color. Actors, musicians and audience alike were bound together by a bond which proved to be of the utmost good fellowship. The orchestra at first experienced some difficulty—it is a little hard to play the violin with one's bow arm bound closely to one's side by streamers, or to blow a clarinet with one's supply cut off by a girdle around one's neck. But they fiddled and blew and drummed with the greatest joviality and considered the evening well spent.

Charleston Exhibition

Instead of being broken by intermissions, the performance was filled in by students. A Charleston exhibition, comic songs, a one-minute skit by two Frosh, a monologue, were well given and well received. The Freshman orchestra played with its usual enthusiasm.

Wild Snake Dance

At the conclusion of the play the men of the university filed across the stage and into the streets, to the most spectacular of their demonstrations, the snake dance. Cafes, theatres and hotels were included in the itinerary, and the long chain of students threaded its way through the crowds in a remarkable way. Traffic was demoralized. Bewildered policemen stood by as the hordes overran their well-ordered streets. For blocks could be heard the sharp, clear "hip, hip, hip." Cars which tried to force a passage were quickly seized and relentlessly shaken. Many of Edmonton's prominent citizens received more severe and undignified treatment than the Freshmen at initiation. The twisting snake was an implacable thing.

In the heart of the city the students gathered for a last yell. The yell given, they disbanded. The crowd dispersed. It had been Varsity night in Edmonton.

TRIBE WAUNEITA PLANS FOR DANCE

Women Elect Executives—Nurses Get Representative—Honorary President Elected

The warlike tribe Wauneita met on the ancient battleground of Convocation Hall last Thursday afternoon. In response to signal fires lit on several bulletin boards, they gathered about their chief to plan this year's campaign.

In Full War Paint

The braves appeared in full war paint, waving aloft their Gateways, like Tomahawks, and wearing the sharp knives of their determination. All the rival clans were there, but they buried the hatchet and sipped together from the tea-cup of peace.

Executive Chosen

The following braves were admitted as year representatives to the Wauneita executive: Carman Dixon-Craig, Senior; Effie Slonaker, Junior; Kathleen Esch, Soph; Frances Pullen, Frosh.

Nurses Get Representative

It was decided that the Constitution be amended to give the nurses a representative on the Wauneita executive.

Mrs. Hector MacLeod was elected big chief and head medicine man of the Wauneitas.

The teepee of the braves in the Medical quarters is to be refurbished.

Wauneita Dance

The date of the annual moochican was set for October 15, and commit-

YOUTH AND POLITICS

By Hassan, a Dreamer

A couple of months ago I received a letter from a university friend who was holidaying at Canada's beautiful coast-resort, Victoria, B.C. He, like myself, had just graduated from Alberta the previous spring, and was planning an early entry into the profession of law. The letter was most interesting and informative. Some of his accounts of the industrial development of the coast province amazed me, and the descriptions of the beauties of the place made me envious of one so fortunate as to be able to enjoy them. But the paragraph of his letter which attracted my attention most was one dealing with myself. I must quote his words. He said:

"I am sorry, old man, to hear that you are again mixed up in the federal election campaign. Why don't you leave politics alone? They are so damned dirty that it's a shame for fellows like you, with the training and opportunities that you have, to get embroiled in that sort of thing. It's all rotten. The chief object is to sling mud at the other fellow, and make an easy living by graft and corruption. They all do it. There are lots of lines in which one can make an honest living and retain his self-respect. Why not devote yourself to something worth while, and steer clear of the shady business of politics?"

The chap who wrote that meant every word of it. He was giving me some advice, out of his friendship for me and his desire to see me advance and prosper in life.

His comments are not unusual or exceptional. They recall to my mind dozens of similar pronouncements. In my efforts to interest young men and young women in a political organization, it has been my lot on many occasions to be met with the statement that "politics are dirty, and a good thing to stay out of."

The common impression in Canada is that to concern one's self with the government of the country is tantamount to surrendering one's soul to the devil. It is generally believed as fact that our political situation is rotten and that cabinet ministers and high government officials are invariably thieves, rogues, rescals and liars. Self-aggrandizement and plunder seem to be the exclusive motivating forces behind those who have achieved our loftiest public posts. Citizens without number complain bitterly, and warn our youth against soiling their garments by contact with politics. The absurdity of it! Admitting for the sake of argument, that our political life is as corrupt as they would have us believe, do the monitors of youth and purity think that politics are going to be purged by the existing bureaucracy which is waddling about in the mire of its own creation? If public life is as soiled as rumor hath it, what better way is there of purifying it than having our unsullied youth plunge into the arena, carrying with them the political ideals of their school training, lofty thoughts of public service, and proven habits of honesty and industry and faithfulness? The answer is "None!"

Political life is not so unsavoury as many people would have us think. The average man in politics is honest and fair-minded, and is impressed with a feeling of duty toward the electorate. Unfortunately, however, odium is reflected upon the high profession of the acts of rascality of a few misguided individuals whose personal interests have become their paramount consideration. It is a well-recognized psychological fact that the public mind is eternally alert and receptive to scandal of any sort. Nothing proves a more succulent tit-bit for street-corner gossip than the rumored indiscretions of a senator or cabinet minister. The same spirit which impels millions to eagerly devour the scandal-page of the Chicago Herald-Examiner every Sunday, causes men to look for, and enjoy, stories of dishonesty in politics. But these same folk, who enjoy the gossip

and decry the facts, warn all decent citizens, and youth in particular, to steer clear of politics.

The greatest field of service which society offers is that of politics. Under the system of government which we have seen fit to adopt, and which we naively label democracy, there is no higher honor we can pay the citizens whose ability and integrity we respect than to elect them to our legislative bodies. The destiny of the nation rests in our ability to select suitable representatives, just as surely and undeniably as the sovereignty of the land ultimately lies in the mouths of the people. As our legislators are men of integrity and action or of dishonesty and slothfulness, so shall the nation fare. Wherein, then, can lie the wisdom of counselling our youth against participation in political venture?

Politics need honesty. Politics need courage. Vision, ambition and action. Politics needs youth. The young people of the land, newly emerged from the academics, should be encouraged in every possible way to interest themselves in the political difficulties of the nation, and to participate in the all-important development and management of governmental institutions. Every university graduate, in particular, should be concerned with his own especial duty in the matter of complete citizenship. He should be able to realize that the field of public service lies open before him, and that his entry into it will be welcomed. He should firmly believe that he and his type can make an impression upon political life which will be beneficial to Canada, and not that any youth who dares enter into the goblin-cave of civil service shall eventually be stretched upon the Procrustean bed of dirty politics so that he shall measure alike with those who have unfittingly preceded him.

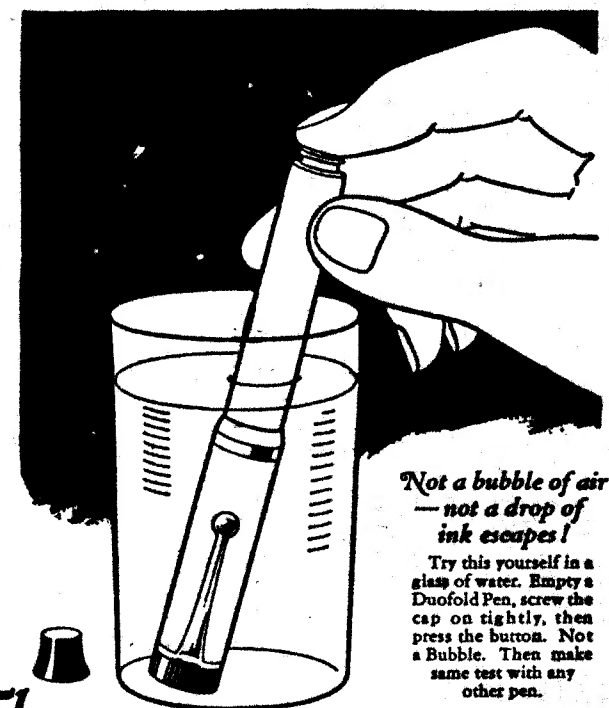
Politics is today crying out for

the very things which youth can offer: courage, life and high ideals. But youth halts at the threshold, as the traffic-force of elders hold up their hands and cry in dismay, "Stop!" Harkken to the words of Sir James Barrie, formerly Rector of St. Andrews University:

"Youth have for too long left exclusively in our hands the decisions in national matters that are more vital to them than to us (the elders). Things about the next war, for instance; and why the last one ever had a beginning. The time has arrived for Youth to demand a partnership."

This sounds like disagreement with those guardians of public morals who would rather see politics continue under the alleged unclean hands of incumbent designing politicians than to allow enthusiastic youth to interest themselves in the business of government of their own country. Give us more Barries! God knows, more disagreement is needed. Give us more champions of youth. More men of influence and experience who are ready, willing and able to encourage young men and young women to take an appropriate place in the national life.

Away with this silly tommy-rot that would warn youth to keep away from politics! Be done with this twaddle which tells us that political life in Canada is an unhallowed city into which we should not have passport! If the country is going to Hell because our politicians are all crooked, then there is the task for Youth. There is the place for us to throw our splendid, untamed energy. Are medical men advised to shun a stricken city because of the possibility of contagion? Do the workers of our church halt in their dispersal of the doctrines of Jesus Christ because they know that the inhabitants of Timbuctoo are heathen? Should youth hesitate to grapple with politics because the task is dangerous? Never! Let us trot forth our trained young into the arena at once. Let them learn to struggle with the lions of government; and if, perchance, an occasional hyena of corruption shall poke his snarling jowl into the scene, off with his head!



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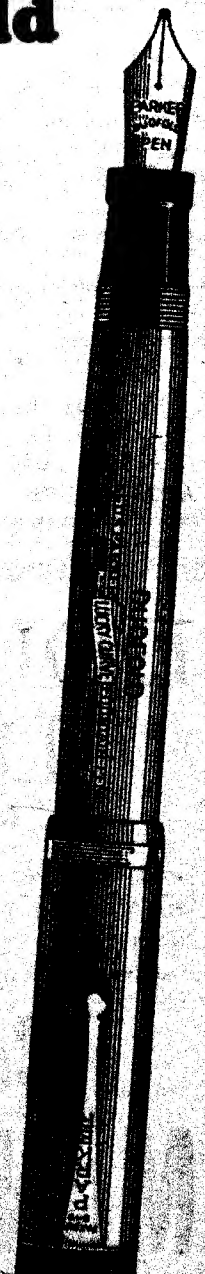
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Large Crowd Hears Lecture on
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Eloquent Speaker

Convocation Hall was crowded to capacity by a finely representative audience of Edmonton citizens on Saturday evening to hear Dr. Lowell Thomas in his popular illustrated lecture, "With Allenby in Palestine and Lawrence in Arabia." This lecture has been heard with pleasure and appreciation by delighted audiences in various cities of the world.

Dean Kerr, acting president of the university, acted as chairman, and in a few sentences introduced the adventurous lecturer, assuring the audience in advance that they would not be disappointed. The youthful appearance of the lecturer, coupled with his unflinching humor and eloquence, put him at once in sympathy with his audience and retained their close attention throughout.

Historical Towns

In imagination they were taken to Palestine and Arabia via Suez canal. There they had the opportunity of visiting and seeing in picture form the most interesting cities, towns and villages famous in ancient biblical history. Among them was Bethlehem, the place of our Saviour's nativity, and Jerusalem, about which centres so much of historic interest both in ancient and modern times; Mecca, Cairo, Jericho and Mount Sinai were also touched in a very interesting and impressive manner by the lecturer.

Bravery of British Soldiers

The wonderful campaign waged by the troops in the recent war was graphically described. The audience had the opportunity of admiring the valour of the soldiers who ably led in these modern crusades by the splendid military genius of Allenby.

The striking contrast between the pompous entrance of the German Kaiser to the sacred city and the humble entrance of the victorious Allenby was finely set forth.

Eloquent Speaker

The audience will long remember the eloquent and stirring lecture of Mr. Thomas, illustrating and emphasizing the valour and dogged courage manifested by the soldiers of the British Empire, led by the heroic figure of Allenby.

Dean Kerr, on behalf of the audience, extended to Mr. Thomas cordial thanks for his instructive and splendid lecture.

PRIZES WORTH WORKING FOR

New Students Are Advised to
Work for Distinction

Due, it seems, partly to Sophomore "education" of Freshmen, and partly to an inherent inferiority complex, new students often overlook and neglect the fact that there are a number of prizes, medals and scholarships offered to them. This article is addressed to new students in particular. Most of us are aware that such prizes and scholarships are awarded each year, but too often the idea of competing for them is quickly dismissed.

The fact that they are competitive seems to imply too much hard work, but that should not discourage anyone. Most of us are prepared to work more or less hard, and often just a little extra "push" is enough to win distinction in the form of medal or prize. Such distinction is eminently worth while.

Most of the awards are given by men who interest themselves in academic work and have felt that the students need and deserve such encouragement. One of the most interesting of these prizes is the Canadian Northland Resources Prize, offered annually by Mr. J. F. J. English. This is a splendid opportunity for anyone whose work has taken him north of the 55th parallel of latitude, between the Rockies and Hudson's Bay. It is open to all undergraduates and is awarded on the basis of an essay of not more than 8,000 words, dealing with some phase of the Northland of Canada. The award is to the value of \$25.00.

In classics, Dr. W. H. Alexander offers the Jane Alexander Memorial Prize in Latin, of the value of \$10.00. The prize is awarded on the basis of the regular work in Latin of the second year, to be given to the student making the highest mark in the term and final examinations of that year. This and the following prizes should interest the many new students who are enrolled in second year Arts.

The Harold Waldo Heustis Memorial Prize of the value of \$25.00 is awarded annually to the second year student taking five full courses, who has obtained the highest mark in English of the second year. The student must also show proficiency in English composition.

The History Club of the university, an organization which interests itself in the study of current and historical events, offers a prize of books to the value of \$15.00 to the student making the best record in History 2. The student must receive first-class standing in History and a pass in all other subjects.

Dr. E. W. Sheldon and Mr. C. E. Race offer two prizes in Mathematics, of the value of \$10.00 each, one for Math. 3 and the other for Math. 1. The awards are based on marks in the examinations and also on a special paper.

Professor A. Vallé, of Laval University, in remembrance of the Honorable P. J. O. Chauveau, first Prime Minister of Quebec, offers a prize of books to the student making the best record in French 1—3. Students enrolled in French 5—4 have the privilege of competing for the Société du Parler Française Prize, of books to

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What strange force is patriotism? What is it that propels warm tremulations through me at the thought of my country; that impels me to her ardent defence in great matters and small? And for what is it that I thus thrill? I look about me and see a vast stretch of brown corrugated earth, at one extremity of which plads slowly a team of horses dragging a plow. Brown dust swirls around the motionless figure seated on the plow, and trails in a brown, breeze-blown streak across the field. Again I look about me. I see low, up-heaving hills, and between the rifts of these hills, other hills; the whole scene laden with an air of artificiality imparted by the bizarre coloring of the grass-covered slopes, and by the superposition of the nearer hills on the farther ones without perspective. On the far-off horizon a herd of horses browse with low-hanging heads. I see fences stretching on and on, apparently striving to enclose infinity. I see a lonely homestead, gray and self-sufficient as are its inmates; a shack, a barn outhouse or two and a windmill. Far off, more hills arise in the blue haze of distance, and a hawk soars still-winged in the bright cloudless sky. Why should this passing breeze feel more soft, why should the slowly-sinking sun radiate a more kindly glow? I take up a pinch of this soil in my hand and examine it. It is neither more nor less than the soil of a thousand other states. It pours out of my hand and streams wind-blown to the earth. No, all this differs in no essential respect from any other scene or any other country. These tremors I feel are not caused by the land, for it inspires no such perturbations in the breasts of the peoples of other countries. What then is that force of patriotism that stirs my innermost being? A childhood association, a sense of security in the knowledge that here is the place where is my home, and my friends, where I am welcome. A sense of possession in these my lands and there my people. A refinement of that dominating instinct which makes me ever-jealous for my country and for the motherland and the other dominions—we all of us brothers, strong men, a mighty brood. Ah, ye of little faith, cleave yet to your own. The glory and the gold pass; the tradition and the brotherhood are ours—the young sons.

INITIATION—WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT DOES

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loves company." That does not mean that the company involved loves misery and that we should perpetuate the misery for the company it assures. The fact is that misery loves company no more than bliss loves company and no more than any man invariably leans towards congeniality and society with his fellows.

One word in regard to this year's initiation. No more conscientious group of young men ever prepared an initiation than those to whom the event was entrusted this year. They sought to eliminate most of the elements which had proved repulsive to other years. But the notable quality was still there. Their program still contained the essence of abuse, refined to some degree by the last few years of ineffectual purging. But just as distilled alcohol is still alcohol, refined abuse is still abuse. To resort to abuse to teach proper respect, loyalty and love is childish and irrational; to close our eyes to that abuse is cowardly.

the value of \$10.00. The award is based on the work of the course.

In Philosophy, we have the Halley Hamilton Gaetz Memorial Prize, offered by Mr. W. R. Wees, B.A. '23, consisting of a set of books, to be awarded to the student showing the best record in Philosophy 2. The student must carry his full quota of courses and obtain not less than 80 per cent. of the possible marks in the subject.

Law students are offered a prize of books to the value of \$20.00 by the Carswell Company, Ltd., Law Publishers, of Toronto. Second and third year law students may compete for prizes of proportionate value.

For other than first or second year students there are three awards of \$50.00 each for students in Civil, Electrical and Mining Engineering, given by the Association of Professional Engineers of Alberta.

For Geology 51 and 52, Dr. W. H. Alexander offers the Jane Alexander Memorial Prize, to the value of \$10.00, and Howard Stutchbury, Esq., offers a prize of \$25.00 for a research paper by a fourth year student in Geology or Mining Engineering.

Finally, students of the History of Medicine may compete for Dr. H. C. Jamieson's Prize by writing an essay on some phase of the earlier development of Anatomy or Physiology.

Such a list as this leaves no academic field uncovered, and every student has an opportunity. A number of medals and scholarships are also awarded each year to senior or graduating students, who should now be sufficiently familiar with their calendar to need no further instruction.

It would be fitting, however, to point out here that a scholarship is offered to women students by the Women's University Club, to the value of \$50.00 for general proficiency in first year Arts work. This is an exceptional opportunity for Freshettes.

PRELIMINARIES OUT OF WAY, MONEY SECURED

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for this season, and with a new covered rink at Camrose, the league should have this year the most successful season in its history, according to the amateur hockey magnates. The league has always felt keenly the need of a playing surface larger than the South Side rink, but not as large as the surface at the Exhibition arena, and the Varsity covered rink will be a great boost to the northern hockey loop as well as a great boon to the university students themselves.

There are many possibilities as to uses other than hockey and skating for which the Varsity arena may be utilized.

Will Be Generally Useful
The large seating capacity makes it suitable for fall and spring basketball, for agricultural shows and for large mass meetings.

These, of course, are side issues to the main purposes of the rink, i.e., skating and hockey, but they nevertheless will add to its usefulness.

When the plans are complete and the suitable tender accepted, building will be rushed forward as quickly as possible. The Covered Rink Committee, who are in charge of arrangements, are anxiously awaiting completion of these preliminaries, and a detailed account of building operations will be secured as the work progresses.

Woman, Wonderful Woman

Her hair is short, her shoes are low, Her cheeks and lips and eyes aglow, Her dresses, minus front and back, Are sleeveless; too they seem to lack The necessary length to hide Two sources of her honest pride, As down the avenue she eddies, With twinkling silken hose and teddies, A sudden breeze, or cough, or sneeze, Would leave her bare as Jay-bird's knees. After he's seen the latest show, Man wants but little here below.

—Medicine Hat News.

PERCY DAVIES NEW ACCOUNTANT

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The Council voted an advance to the track team of \$250 to cover travelling expenses for the coming meet with the other western universities. This year the team will be accompanied on its journey by the President of Men's Athletics. This should facilitate definite arrangements with other universities, and avoid confusion and misunderstandings such as have occurred in times past.

The proposal that a tennis tournament be arranged here with players from the University of British Columbia created some discussion. It was feared that consent to this might be contrary to the wishes of Alberta students, since it was decided on March 3, 1926, that the four major sports of rugby, hockey, basketball, and track should be stressed, and the minor sports confined to local games. The Council, however, gave the tennis club instructions to arrange the tournament with U.B.C. It appeared that no extra financial liability need be incurred, and was understood that the U. of A. shall not be bound to arrange a return tournament next year.

Initiation is soon to be discussed at a general meeting of the Union. The feeling is prevalent that something can and must be done to improve the nature of the customary treatment here. The ceremony no longer exists in many prominent universities, in the form known to students of the U. of A.

The Students' Council of Alberta College (South) decided that the famous "A.C." chute shall no more be used to provide thrills for the Frosh. Aside from the danger involved, unnecessary damage to property has always been a result of "chute-night." The chute itself has suffered considerably from rust. Hence the decision of the Council!

The next meeting of the U. of A. Students' Council on October 18th, will be devoted to consideration of the budget. The following meeting will decide on appointments to the

1. Committee on Student Affairs.
2. Common Room Committee.
3. Staff of the Evergreen and Gold.

NO IMPERIAL DEBATE THIS YEAR IN WEST

Cambridge Team Will Not Visit
Western Canada—Vigorous
Efforts of Local Secretary
Fruitless

The probability of no Imperial debate during the present session, in spite of determined efforts by the officials of the Debating Society to organize a third international university debating tour, was stated to The Gateway Tuesday by J. Ansel Anderson, president of the society. After successfully lining up the western universities in favour of such a venture, local authorities discovered that the stronger eastern colleges had agreed to meet a touring Canadian team, whose short stay in America prevented them from accepting the invitation to come west.

A correspondence, consisting of some thirty letters, was carried out with seven other Canadian universities and three organization centres during the summer months by Don MacKenzie, secretary of the local Debating Society, in whose charge negotiations were placed last April. In spite of this energetic campaign, good wishes from the East and favorable prospects for next year were the most concrete results achieved.

Western Varsityes Willing

Saskatchewan, Manitoba and British Columbia were written for their stands on the matter last April. On the favorable reply of Saskatchewan and British Columbia, the decision of the three most westerly universities was forwarded to Colonel Bovey, of McGill, who last year managed the tour. After some delay caused by the Colonel's absence in England, he wrote that he had heard nothing of such a tour, that he could not undertake its organization himself, and that he suggested that Major F. J. Ney, Secretary of the National Council of Education, be written at Winnipeg.

Major Ney was written at once, and asked if he could assist. A second letter was sent to Manitoba, as no reply had been received to the one sent them in April. Four letters were also sent to the debating societies of Queen's, McGill, Toronto and Dalhousie. These latter letters told of the west's decision and asked for any available information on the attitude to further international debates at the institution in question.

But East Says No.

As Major Ney was in England, and all the universities practically deserted, further delay resulted. Late in September, however, replies were received from Dalhousie and McGill, both to the effect that they could not line up with the west (represented by Alberta), because of the visit of the Cambridge team.

Wrote New York

Immediately on receipt of these letters, which gave Alberta her first inkling that there was a British debating tour in prospect, a request was sent to the Institute of International Education in New York City for the inclusion of debates with the Western Canadian universities in the schedule of the visitors, if satisfactory terms could be arranged.

Major Ney wrote Mr. MacKenzie on September 30, asking for immediate information on the situation, and offering to assist him in any way possible. A reply in full was sent to Winnipeg the same day. It was admitted by the executive of the local debating society that it would be impossible to organize a tour from Edmonton without the co-operation of at least some of the stronger eastern universities. The only chance for the debate lay in the direction of the Cambridge tour.

That chance was wiped out a few days ago when a letter was received from New York stating that the itinerary of the Cambridge team ended on December 1, and that nothing could be done to accommodate Western Canada this year. Favorable prospects for later years was expressed in the letter.

STUDENTS' RECEPTION AT McDOUGALL UNITED CHURCH

On Sunday evening, October 17, Dr. Brown, of McDougall United Church will give a special address to students, to which university students are specially invited. On Monday evening, October 18, an informal reception will be held in the church parlor at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Young Peoples' Society of the church. A lively and interesting programme has been arranged, and a good time is assured to all. Don't forget: Sunday, October 17, and Monday, October 18.

THE ROOTERS CLUB APPEALS FOR HELP

Help the Custodians of School Spirit

Another year's work has begun, and with it comes also the university activities and interests. Of these, the Rooters Club is by no means the least, and every student should take a great interest in this club. Each student in the university automatically becomes a member of this organization upon registering in this university, and it is hoped that each will become an active member. The Rooters Club is under the direct jurisdiction of the Students' Union, and its officers are appointed by the latter body for each year. It is financed and supported in its work by the Students' Union.

What It Does

The aim of the Rooters Club is to support our university teams in their games and competitions. It is a fact that the men on the teams are able to do better when supported audibly by their fellow students. Therefore everyone should do his little bit towards helping the teams to victory.

The Rooters Club develops that intangible thing "school spirit." It is usually a strong factor in college life, but when absent is hard to recapture. The backers of the team that is actually on the field feel that they are helping to secure victory, helping to make it a real sportsmanlike game by fair and impartial rooting.

The Rooters Club has been growing rapidly in the past few years. Last year, under the leadership of Jack Marshall, the club attained its greatest successes. This year it is hoped it will again forge ahead with a progress equalling that of last year.

This year, unfortunately, there may not be any senior rugby games at which the members of the Rooters Club would be able to show their enthusiasm. These events were among the most important of the Rooters Club's functions last season, and it is still hoped that there will yet be some games. Last season the C.O.T.C. band ably assisted the Yell Club at the big games, and their help would be appreciated again this year. The president of the Rooters Club for 1926-27 is Lyle Wyatt. He is in second year dentistry, having entered the University of Alberta in the fall of 1925.

It is hoped that everyone will take an interest in and co-operate with the Rooters Club. Any new songs, yells or parodies would be greatly appreciated by the executive.

Once again let everyone get together and make the Rooters Club an overwhelming success in 1926-27.

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